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NEAR-HYSTERIA IN ASSEMBLY

Attacks On Corruption In Government

And Hong Kong Next?

London, Apr. 12. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said in the House of Commons tonight that he hoped to make a statement soon on claims in respect of war damage and losses in Malaya.—Reuter.

Only 80 Days Water Supply Left

Hong Kong has only enough water left in the reservoirs to last the Colony 80 days at the present rate of supply. This, the "China Mail" understands from a reliable source, is based on the average consumption of water which has been in the region of 24,000,000 gallons daily in the week ending April 1.

Since the last restrictions were imposed on March 18 consumption has been 9,000,000 gallons below the average, 12,000,000 gallons below maximum average for the winter months and 4,000,000 gallons below the average for January.

The question of further restrictions, it is understood, is under serious consideration by the authorities, and if the situation does not improve further shortening of the hours of supply will become necessary.

It is believed that further restrictions will not be imposed unless it is absolutely necessary.

Damaged Property Query

A question about Crown Rents and property damaged during the war will be asked by Mr. M. K. Lo at the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon. Mr. Lo will ask:—

"With reference to the announcement in the Press of April 9th of the appointment of a Bomb Damage Sites Committee, will Government state—
(1) Is Crown Rent being collected in the case of properties destroyed or damaged as the result of the war?
(2) Whether, having regard to the great hardship suffered by owners of such properties, Government has taken a decision to waive the performance of the usual covenants to repair and to maintain contained in Crown Leases of such properties, or to waive the Crown Rent in respect thereof?
(3) If the answer to (2) is in the negative, whether the question as regards waiver of

Long Procession Of Complaints

Nanking, Apr. 13. War-worried delegates whose emotions at times approached hysteria, threatened to walk out today to force National Assembly officials to continue discussion of China's unhappy military situation.

One after another, eager speakers paraded to the rostrum to condemn the Nationalist Government's "inefficiency, corruption and injustice," and plead for reinforcements to save their own particular regions from being overrun by the Reds.

Finance Minister O. K. Yui, attempting to report on economic affairs, was forcibly pushed from the microphone by one excited North China representative who shouted: "The Communists have taken the North-east, North China, part of Central China. They crossed the Yellow River and they may cross the Yangtze and march on to Nanking. Why do you attempt to prevent us from speaking on the true military situation?"

Defence Minister Pai Chung-shi, who was recalled in the afternoon session to answer delegation criticisms of the military situation, was unable to speak because of the long list of representatives clamouring to be heard.

Leaders "Afraid" In an effort to prevent a filibuster, the chairman limited speakers to five minutes each, with a maximum of two delegates speaking from each province.

Almost without exception, delegates voiced the same complaints—Nationalist armies are inefficient, corrupt, unjust; their leaders are afraid to give us arms to let us help fight the Reds.

Each speaker demanded that the Government send reinforcements immediately to block the Communists from his home province. From where these reinforcements are to come, in the face of the Government's admission that its reserves are expended, was not explained.

Distrust Of People Delegates voted to recall Pai Chung-shi on some later date to answer criticisms on the handling of the war, but Homan delegates who shouted, "Our homes are in danger now," started to leave the auditorium. They quietened and returned to their seats when the chairman agreed to recall Pai Chung-shi immediately.

The strongest criticism was directed against the Government's refusal to arm local militia, which was the result of what several delegates said was the "Government's distrust of our people."

The temper of the delegates was such that the Finance Minister was three times rebuffed when he attempted to speak. Finally he delivered a short report on finances to an inattentive audience.

such covenants, or waiver of Crown Rent, are within the terms of reference of such Committee?

He was followed by Minister of Communications Yu Ta-wel, who recounted Communist destruction of communications lines. Food Minister Yu Fei-peng spoke for ten minutes on food collections without arousing enthusiasm. Minister of Economy Chen Chi-chen also reported.—Associated Press.

O.K. YUI REPORTS ON FINANCE

Nanking, Apr. 13. American financial aid to China amounting to US\$463,000,000 is to be spread over two years and will help substantially toward stabilising financial conditions in the country, the Minister of Finance, O. K. Yui, told the National Assembly this morning.

He said the Chinese Government expected US\$347,250,000 this year and the balance of US\$115,750,000 next year. He stated that China's note issue up to date was slightly more than CN\$98,000,000,000,000.

Yui said that China was at present plagued by increasing budgetary deficits caused mainly by military appropriations. "Such military expenditure cannot and should not be reduced in view of the urgency of sustaining the military campaign against the Communists," he said.

The Minister revealed that income tax since V-J Day had been revised four times. Turning to imports and exports Yui said China was using protective tariffs restricting

Ritual Murder Appeal

London, Apr. 13. Six African Negro tribesmen and an Indian, sentenced to hang for the ritual slaying of another tribesman so that they could get blood for a witch doctor's use, won special leave today to appeal against their death sentences to the Privy Council.

The tribesman, Katse Phalela, about 60 years old, died on Christmas Day, 1945.

At the trial in Basutoland, a British protectorate in South Africa, the prosecution said that the witch doctor and nine other men plotted to get Phalela drunk, then strangled him to death and took blood from behind his ear so that the witch doctor could hold some ceremonies over the piece of land in which one of the men was interested.

The witch doctor died before the trial and two of the men acted as prosecution witnesses. The rest were sentenced to death.—Associated Press.

Shanghai Air Drama

Shanghai, Apr. 13. Fifteen U.S. Marines were injured as their transport plane crashed and burned on Shanghai's Kiangwan airfield today. None was critically hurt.

The plane, the first U.S. Navy plane to crash in this area since the war, carried 20 passengers and five crewmen. Major V. A. Kempton, pilot of the twin-engine C-40, turned back after one engine failed on a take-off for Timor.

HEAVY GUARD ON COURT

Shanghai, Apr. 13. The trial of 11 students charged with manhandling Mr. K. C. Wu, Mayor of Shanghai, and instigating the Tung Chi University incident, ended at the District Court which announced that judgment will be rendered on April 16.

During the proceedings the court was under heavy police guard. For one block each way from the court's entrance, the street was patrolled by a double file of armed police.

Inside the court, police armed with drawn guns, walked the corridors.

The trial yesterday, however, was witnessed by only a handful of spectators.

The prosecutor, in his summing up, requested the court to impose lenient sentences on the students if they are found guilty.—Reuter.

Imports with the exception of essential items which could not be produced in the country.

He further revealed that the import quota for the present fifth and sixth quarters (the first and second quarters of 1948) was one-third of the first quarter, namely, US\$99,000,000 in the first quarter against US\$300,000,000 each in the fifth and sixth quarters.

During the course of his long report the Minister revealed that the Sino-British Anti-Smuggling Agreement had produced substantial returns to China's Government.

During 1947, he said, 22,000 smuggling cases were prosecuted while the value of goods confiscated amounted to CN\$317,000,000,000 (US\$978,400 at the Central Bank's open market rate).—Reuter-AAP.

GUERRILLAS BEATEN OFF

Athens, Apr. 13. A small garrison of gendarmes held off 900 guerrillas at the town of Kalamavria, near Patras just before King Paul arrived last night in the destroyer Adrias, the Athens News Agency announced today.

The guerrillas cut communications and attacked in waves, but the gendarmes fought them off for 15 hours until reinforcements arrived.—Reuter.

Munich Pact Kept Hitler In Power

Nuremberg, Apr. 13. The signing of the Munich Pact prevented officers of the German High Command from attempting to overthrow Hitler's Government by force in 1938, Franz Halder, former Colonel-General of the German Army, told a War Crimes Tribunal trying 12 ex-generals and one admiral here today.

Halder, former Chief of Staff, appearing as a defence witness, said that in 1938 an anti-Hitler resistance unit had been built up among the officers and that the "trumped up" removal of General von Fritsch, Chief of the German Staff until 1938, gave the movement its final impulse.

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PICTURE OF THE DAY

Italian Elections



A beggar sits beneath Christian Democrat posters on a wall in Rome, showing a wolf in sheep's clothing, a commentary on the pro-Communist campaign slogan that calls for the votes of all who want peace. (AP Photo).

Labour Government Accused

London, Apr. 13. The Government was tonight accused of planning a shortage of steel so that it could show there was a national bottleneck which would pave the way for the nationalisation of the steel industry.

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, chief Conservative speaker on the fourth day of the five-day debate on the Budget, said in the House of Commons that he was going to make "a rather startling" statement.

"I believe that the shortage of steel is, in the main, a paper shortage, or a planned shortage, and that the overall shortage is of much smaller dimensions than that shown," he claimed.

"I do not believe that the shortage of steel is a major cause of the expected lower production, and perhaps the statement is the beginning of a barrage that is being allowed to show that steel is a national bottleneck and might, therefore, be nationalised into another bottleneck."

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, did not refer to this accusation when he replied to the debate for the Government.—Reuter.

STERLING AREA TO STAY

London, Apr. 13. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today that Britain intended to maintain the present sterling area system. He had been asked in the House of Commons for an assurance that the Government would not relinquish the position by which Britain acted as receiver and distributor of all dollars acquired or required by countries within the sterling area.—Reuter.

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SCARE IN PEIPING

New Advance By Communists

Peiping, Apr. 13. A powerful Communist army has surged through the buckling Nationalist defences to within 30 miles of Peiping, heightening the tension in this North China city, according to reports in the Chinese press today.

Red General Li Yung-chang's veteran divisions are pouring south of the Great Wall from Manchuria to mount a furious attack on the towns of Hsiangho, Sanho and Paoti, east of Peiping. The entire area has been embroiled in bitter fighting since last night, according to Nationalist reports.

The Communists are reported to have broken into Sanho after an artillery barrage. Passenger service has been suspended along the railway to Tientsin. If the reports are confirmed it would mean Peiping's only land link with non-Communist territory would be severed.

The Government Commander, General Fu Tso-yi, rushed his troops into battle using all available rolling stock. The train service to the Great Wall Pass of Kupaikow has also been cut as fighting raged in Jehol Province.

Red Strategy Military sources said the Red pressure is believed designed to create havoc in Peiping's suburbs as part of a general prelude to a showdown offensive in Manchuria shortly.

An assault on Peiping itself is not expected. Other Communists under one of the leading tacticians, General Lin Piao (who once studied warfare under the Generalissimo), are expected to hit Mukden with every ounce of their strength late in April or early May and then—if successful—to push down into Hopei.

Many observers, both Chinese and foreign, predict a grave threat to Peiping and Tientsin by summer.

Reinforcements Wei Li-huang, defender of Mukden, enjoys a reputation for ability and vigour. While the Reds are re-deploying for the coming blow the Nationalists are landing reinforcements at Hulutao and Chingwangtao.

Observers are of the opinion that the Nationalists will be in a position to give Lin Piao a tough time in the battle for Mukden but their optimism in the Government might be able to hold out has been tempered by the Generalissimo's announcement in Nanking last week that Manchuria is third on the priority list of the Government's strategic programme for summer fighting.—United Press.

Seamen's Dispute Settled

London, Apr. 13. Fourteen members of the crew of the Greek steamer "Marpossa" who refused to leave the ship after being dismissed when the ship docked at Swansea, were defendants in an action in the King's Bench Division today.

The vessel's owners claimed an injunction restraining the men from trespassing on the ship and also damages.

On behalf of the men it was contended that they had been wantonly dismissed and they counter-claimed wages and compensation.

The judge saw counsel privately in his room. An attorney for the owners later announced that the action had been disposed of on terms that the owners paid the wages outstanding and maintained the men until tickets were obtained for their return to Greece.

The action and counter-claim would be withdrawn without prejudice to the proceedings in Greece.

The judge, Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson, approved and said he would stay all proceedings except for implementing the terms. It was a businesslike way of settling the dispute, he added.—Associated Press.

H.K. GOLD MARKET DECISION

London, Apr. 13. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was asked in the House of Commons today what action the Government proposed to take, arising from its recent investigation into the gold market in Hong Kong.

Sir Stafford replied that only preliminary enquiry had been made and that the Government would wait until the receipt and examination of the full report.

He thought that a decision would be reached some time in the middle of next month.—Reuter.

COLLAPSE AFTER EATING MUSHROOMS

Ten men and women, employed at the Government Experimental Farm in the New Territories, collapsed after a meal of wild mushrooms on Monday afternoon. Unconscious, they were rushed to the hospital and successfully treated.

Poland To "Protect" Herself

Warsaw, Apr. 13. Vice-Premier Wladyslaw Gomulka declared today that Poland intends to protect herself against the threat of a new war by keeping the Oder-Neisse frontier.

Opening a celebration "week of recovered territories" in the Lower Silesian city of Wroclaw, he said that Polish fears of new aggression were well justified.

The Vice-Premier said Poland was demanding the complete demilitarisation and demilitarisation of Germany.

"Each speak," Gomulka asserted, "Other American and British Zones of occupation in Germany known—88 men, Hitlerites and war criminals hold top positions in the administration, local Government, businesses and schools." He said the United States, France and Britain were following a separate road from Russia in dealing with the German question and had cancelled the policies of Roosevelt.—Associated Press.

Soviet Accused In Siam

Bangkok, Apr. 12. Siamese press reports which said the Soviet Legation in Bangkok had been busy "selling Communism" to Bangkok's working classes were denied by a Soviet Legation spokesman today.

The papers alleged that Soviet officials were "distributing aims and money among tricyclemen and other city workers and were organising free schools for working class children."

The papers also stated that these activities were carried on by the Soviet Legation despite the fact that they had not yet obtained Legation premises and the Soviet Minister had not yet presented his credentials.

The Legation spokesman dismissed the reports as the result of sheer imagination.—Reuter.

Tense Situation At Shumchun

An armed clash between more than 100 Chinese regulars and the gendarme force at the border town of Shumchun was narrowly averted on Monday morning, according to messages from the frontier yesterday.

The troops surrounded the gendarme headquarters and, with rifles and machine-guns, forced the gendarmes to surrender some 40 soldiers detained for allegedly attempting to smuggle rice into British territory on Sunday on a down train from Canton.

Anticipating an outbreak of warfare between the two armed sections, the population hurried for safety shortly after 7 a.m. on Monday when the troops encircled the gendarme headquarters.

Frantic efforts by the two opposite commanding officers, however, resulted in the release of the detained soldiers, much to the relief of the Shumchun population. As a result, the troops withdrew to their original positions.

The 40 alleged smuggler-troops were among more than 60 arrested by the gendarmes for allegedly attempting to smuggle rice out of Chinese territory by train. Some 20, however, escaped from the detention barracks during Sunday night.

The Weather

A weak anticyclone is moving E across the Yellow Sea and pressure is relatively high in a ridge extending from the British Isles across Fennoscandia and the eastern half of the China Sea. A trough from the Japan Sea is moving slowly E. Windy, cloudy with light rain and occasional light drizzle. Temperature: 16.4 deg. C. at Peiping, 17.4 deg. C. at Shanghai, 22.0 deg. C. at Canton. Rainfall: 2.0 mm. at Peiping, 1.0 mm. at Shanghai, 0.0 mm. at Canton. Wind: 10-15 mph. at Peiping, 10-15 mph. at Shanghai, 10-15 mph. at Canton. Humidity: 70-80% at Peiping, 70-80% at Shanghai, 70-80% at Canton. Clouds: 10-20% at Peiping, 10-20% at Shanghai, 10-20% at Canton.

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SOCIAL WELFARE IN H.K. Complicated By A "Pernicious Idea" Far From Haven Of Perfection

The importance of understanding at least some of the work being done by members of the Social Welfare Service which Hong Kong has evolved was stressed in a talk to Rotarians by Mr. J. C. McDouall, Social Welfare Officer, at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday. Socially, Hong Kong is far from any haven of perfection, but no progress nearer that ultimate ideal will be made if things are allowed to slide, declared Mr. McDouall, emphasising the need for assistance from as many people as possible.

Mr. McDouall made the remarks in the course of an address on "Some Personal Opinions on Social Welfare."

He said, in part:

"My best starting point is that vivid allegory of Lord Beveridge's in which he underlined the fact that Want—real poverty—is only one of five Giants who block our way on the road to prosperity; the other four Giants are Disease, Ignorance, Idleness and Ignorance."

"He went on to say that in some ways the Giant Want is the easiest to attack, for even in England—where all the population has the benefit of compulsory education, a comparatively stable society and the free exchange of news and views—even there a quarter of the disasters attributable to Want alone were not due to too little money, but came about only because the families concerned squandered their money wrongly."

"Now in the first place such cases of social maladjustment are more difficult to deal with than more straightforward economic ones, and secondly, they might reasonably expect that Hong Kong with its comparatively small number of educated and knowledgeable resident citizens would have a higher proportion of such cases even than England."

"In Hong Kong there is yet another complication to be cleared up before we can understand not merely what social welfare work is being done, but what is much more important is what could and ought to be done and how we ought to set about doing it."

Pernicious Idea

"This further Hong Kong complication is introduced by the pernicious idea that social welfare is only a post-war name for a type of so-called charity which is sometimes weakly justified not indeed on the grounds of compassion but as a kind of haphazard insurance against being pestered by too many beggars in the streets or too many hard-luck stories in the office."

"One crucial test of any community is how it treats its old people. A charge which has been levelled elsewhere, and is I think a fair one to consider in Hong Kong now, is that a community deserves no future and can scarcely be called civilized if it ignores or discards those who have worked for it in the days of their strength."

"To a large extent here, thanks to the Chinese attitude towards the family and their traditional respect for old age, I think we in Hong Kong can rebut that charge. Moreover we can point to the three Old Persons' Homes, and to that group of aged pensioners who receive a monthly grant from a fund established many years ago by a former Secretary for Chinese Affairs."

"But I do not think we are quite acquitted unless and until we can say for certain—as assuredly at present we cannot—that there are no unsupported old people at large who have been contributed their share to Hong Kong's wealth or welfare, and whose families are unable or sometimes even unwilling to support them in their last years."

Vulnerable Groups

"How far these old persons' former employers should do something, or something more, for them, how far Government (that is, all taxpayers) should do still more, and how far the work should be left to voluntary organizations which have specialist experience in the technicalities of old people's welfare, are matters which we shall have to go on

working out before we can start to call ourselves a civilized community."

"At present the greater part of Hong Kong's Social Welfare work is still confined to what are commonly called the vulnerable groups, in which one usually includes old persons, cripples, children, and pregnant or nursing mothers. But there are also Vulnerable Groups amongst the comparatively healthy adults in Hong Kong. They are to be found amongst our own local destitutes, though this group by the way certainly does not (as you know) include all the street sleepers and squatters; amongst destitute repatriates wanting to get back to their own homes in China but who have landed up or sometimes been dumped in Hong Kong; amongst the average monthly quota of about 30 unaccompanied suicides; and amongst a number of discharged prisoners."

"The common bond between nearly all the persons in these four groups is that they suffer from a lack of security, not only not economically, but psychologically, and this feeling harbours a perpetual threat to the rest of the community."

Children

"In practice in Hong Kong the only youth services we operate at present are secondary schools or the reformatory for the comparatively small number who rough them, and the Juvenile Courts for a rather larger number. I am not forgetting the work done by the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides, but that is on a relatively very small scale when measured against the adolescents who do not attend secondary schools."

"Next in descending order of age come Hong Kong's children, which I shall rather arbitrarily class as those members of our community who are physically between two and thirteen years old."

"All social workers must as far as possible preserve and strengthen the unity of the families with which they come into contact. And most of those who specialise in one or more of the different kinds of child welfare work have often to provide or act as adequate substitutes for the parents who have lost that supreme source of a sense of security—a home."

"A home not merely in the physical sense, but in the sense of somewhere where there are people to whom the child peculiarly belongs and who belong to it—with all that that should imply."

"A child whose health is neglected may grow up into an unhealthy or even a useless member of society; a child who loses its sense of security for too long will grow up into a socially dangerous member of society."

Keep On Striving

"The last age-group now left is that of the babies under two. But for this group welfare work is of necessity primarily medical and nutritional, and the social workers' job as far as the babies themselves are concerned is very largely to help the trained medical workers when they are short-handed. But there is another aspect. There is the golden opportunity of contacting the mothers, and where necessary helping or educating them in other ways than purely medical ones. But for examples of this you can do no better than to go and see the Society for the Protection of Children at work."

"We see no prospect at least in our life-times of perfect physical health for everyone in Hong Kong and the complete eradication of

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The food and fuel costs for the week ending April 10, issued by the Labour Office were as follows:—

	catties	
Rice and Flour	7.2	\$ 5.2700
Vegetables	1.9	.9500
Salt Cabbage	2	.2800
Oil	7	1.7080
Tea	2	.9000
Salt Fish	3	.9120
Whisky	4	.8120
Firewood	10.0	.6000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		.7000
Total		\$13.1900

Restaurant Manager In Court

The jabbering and shouts of the rickshaw coolies outside the Tai Sing Restaurant, corner of Nathan Road and Chungking Arcade, at 1.50 a.m. yesterday annoyed the manager, L. W. Hempel, that he went out and drove them away.

He was then closing the accounts of the restaurant, and when the coolies returned after a short while he got "real mad," went out and overturned rickshaw 87, damaging its two mudguards.

That was the statement he made when charged at the Tai Sing Police Station with willful damage of motor vehicles, and was repeated to Mr. W. H. Latimer by Inspector J. Orem when Hempel appeared in Court later in the morning.

Defendant was cautioned and ordered to pay \$10 compensation to the puller, Ho Lung.

Had Three Aliases

Chan Hei-chu (19), unemployed, had three previous convictions, under three aliases, between Feb. 10, 1947 and Aug. 18, 1947 and was expelled, for the second time, on the latter date.

At 9.40 p.m. on April 11 he was seen at Shanghai Street near Jordan Road by Det. L/C 160 Wong Keung and arrested on suspicion of being a returned banished.

When Chan was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with breach of an expulsion order, Inspector J. Orem said that accused's record showed that he was sentenced to three months' hard labour on Feb. 10 last year when he gave his name as Wong Shui-shu.

On May 31, 1947, he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and ordered to be expelled, under the name of Yeung Lo-chau; and, on Aug. 18, sentenced to two months and ordered to be expelled, under the alias of Wong Shui-shu.

Yesterday, he was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Shamshuipo Thug Gets 15 Months

Hui Fuk, 25-year-old unlicensed hawk, described by Det. Sub-Inspector D. J. Roberts as "one of those hard hitters who were always around the cinema selling black-market tickets and going into the theatre free," had his activities halted for 15 months by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. He was also recommended for banishment.

This "thug of Shamshuipo whose gang was always causing fights outside the Ming Sing Theatre" was convicted on charges of demanding with menaces \$5 from Li Kwong at Lai-chikok Road on April 5, inciting Li to be a member of the Shing Wo Triad Society, and with being a member of that society.

In Court, he entered a complete denial of the charges and alleged that he had been "framed" by Chan Kwok-king, manager of the Ming Sing Theatre, who had a grudge against him.

He further claimed that the \$5 was a loan to enable him to buy rice, asked for as the result of his going to the assistance of Li when the latter was threatened with assault by a fook of the theatre for flirting with the fook's wife.

"Persuaded" According to DSI Roberts, Li Kwong was employed as a ticket seller at the Ming Sing Theatre, 238 Lai-chikok Road, and was approached by accused about eight months ago and "persuaded" to let the latter into the theatre free of charge.

Defendant, since then, had been to the theatre often, sometimes buying a cheap ticket and occupying a high-price seat, and sometimes going in free.

For some time past, continued DSI Roberts, accused had been "persuading" complainant to join in the Shing Wo Triad Society, and Li had, so far, paid him about \$20 in various amounts.

At 5.45 p.m. on April 5, continued DSI Roberts, Li was stopped by accused and (according to complainant) told that "if you don't settle the former matter you cannot fly even if you have wings."

Marked Note Complainant, not having the money, promised to pay that evening. He left defendant and went back to the theatre where he told his employer about the matter. Chan Kwok-king made a

N.T. Arms Charge

Fang Loh-fat (21), Yiu Tai (29), Lui Kok-shuen (32), Pang Yung-po (29), Yiu Shuen (27), Sit Yau (42), Chan Yau (25), Chan Koo-sang (25), Liu Fuk-jun (30), and Tang Kun-sang (18), appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with conspiracy to commit an armed robbery at Sheung Shui on March 18.

First accused was additionally charged with the possession of two revolvers and five rounds of ammunition at Ping Tin Village on March 19; second defendant was also charged with possession of 36 rounds of rifle cartridge cases at Cheuk Yuen Village on March 18.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall, all ten defendants were remanded to 11 a.m. on April 19.

JAPS FOR HAINAN

Three Japanese civil engineers arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Moji, Kyushu, en route to Hainan Island for work with the Chinese Government. They are travelling on board the Chinese vessel "San Rafael," formerly named "San Rafael."

POST OFFICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcels close 10 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. Mail closes before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
Closing Times By Air
(Kowloon C.F.O.) 7.30 a.m.
10 a.m. (2.30 p.m. 3 p.m. (G.P.O.)
7 a.m. 8.30 a.m. Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Japan (Ord. letters and cards only), 8 p.m.
Airmail for London and Kowloon: Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking; Airmail for Taiwan, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 8 a.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 8 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Manila, Batavia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Aden, Bombay and Madras, Noon, Shanghai, 8 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Canton (1st class mail only), 3 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
Closing Times By Air
(Kowloon C.F.O.) 7.30 a.m.
10 a.m. (2.30 p.m. 3 p.m. (G.P.O.)
7 a.m. 8.30 a.m. Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for London and Kowloon: Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 8 a.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 8 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Manila, Batavia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Aden, Bombay and Madras, Noon, Shanghai, 8 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Canton (1st class mail only), 3 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Closing Times By Air
(Kowloon C.F.O.) 7.30 a.m.
10 a.m. (2.30 p.m. 3 p.m. (G.P.O.)
7 a.m. 8.30 a.m. Noon, 2.30 p.m.
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Canton (1st class mail only), 3 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
Closing Times By Air
(Kowloon C.F.O.) 7.30 a.m.
10 a.m. (2.30 p.m. 3 p.m. (G.P.O.)
7 a.m. 8.30 a.m. Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for London and Kowloon: Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 8 a.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 8 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Manila, Batavia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Aden, Bombay and Madras, Noon, Shanghai, 8 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Canton (1st class mail only), 3 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
Closing Times By Air
(Kowloon C.F.O.) 7.30 a.m.
10 a.m. (2.30 p.m. 3 p.m. (G.P.O.)
7 a.m. 8.30 a.m. Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for London and Kowloon: Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 8 a.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 8 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Manila, Batavia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Aden, Bombay and Madras, Noon, Shanghai, 8 p.m.
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Canton (1st class mail only), 3 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shanghai, 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

Lad Threw Stones At Inspector

Man Wing-kung, a youth who was certified as being over 16 years of age, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour and recommended for banishment when he was convicted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday of being found inside the R.A.O.C. depot at Shamshuipo, throwing stones at Inspector M. Rogers at Fuk Wing Street, and a breach of expulsion order, on April 5.

Defendant, said Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts, was first convicted on Jan. 13, 1947 and sentenced to six strokes of the cane. On Feb. 14 the same year he was sentenced to two years in the Reformatory for receiving. He was sentenced to 12 strokes and expelled on July 7 last for aiding and abetting in storebreaking.

Evidence given by Cpl. James Wain, R.A.O.C. Army Guard Detachment, yesterday said that at 8.15 a.m. on April 5 he was on patrol in the depot when he saw two Chinese walking up and down the Fuk Wing Street end of the perimeter.

He went to investigate and saw accused inside the wire. He challenged him. When defendant refused to escape through the wire netting, witness opened fire with his 38 revolver. After that, said witness, he got the Guard Commander to telephone for the civil police.

Inspector Rogers declared that, on receipt of a telephone message at 9 p.m., he went to the Shamshuipo camp. At the Fuk Wing Street end of the camp boundary he saw defendant on the roof top of a house throwing stones down at him.

Witness told PC 1516 to go through the wire with the intention of arresting him. By the time the constable had got

Court Told Sordid Story

Leung Hing, a 34-year-old widow, arrived in the Colony about four years ago but found herself in trouble with Police on Monday night.

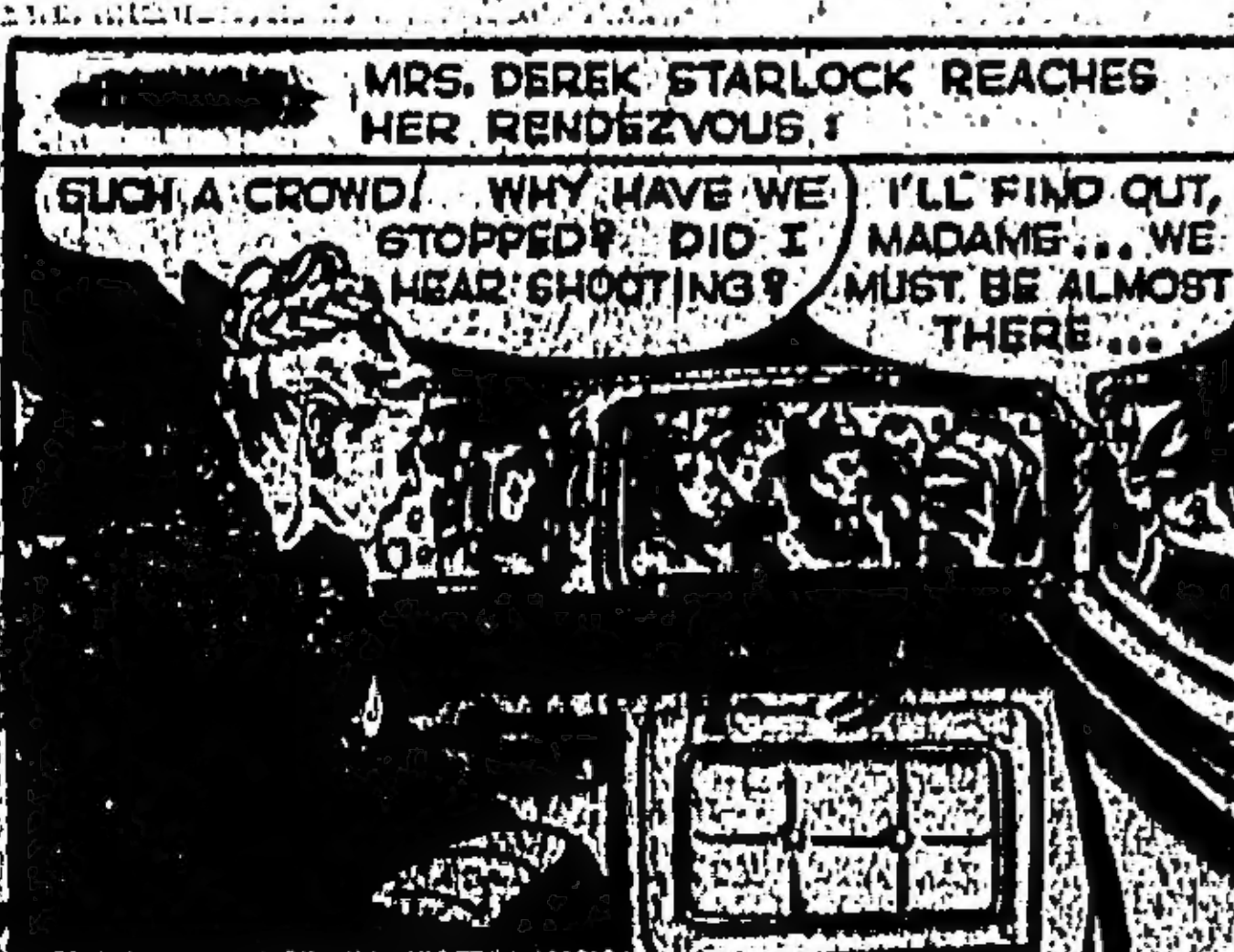
Inspector Davies and Det. 918 Law Wan went to the second floor of 14 Portland Street at 10.45 p.m. that night and found not only Leung but three Chinese men and three prostitutes.

The three couples were occupying the three rear rooms of the 5-cubicle flat. The "girls" told the Inspector that they were paid \$4.50 each by their clients and that they, in turn, paid 50 cents each to defendant as commission.

That was the sordid story told by Inspector J. Orem when Leung was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer with keeping a brothel. She was fined \$250 or two months.

BY ALEX. RAYMOND

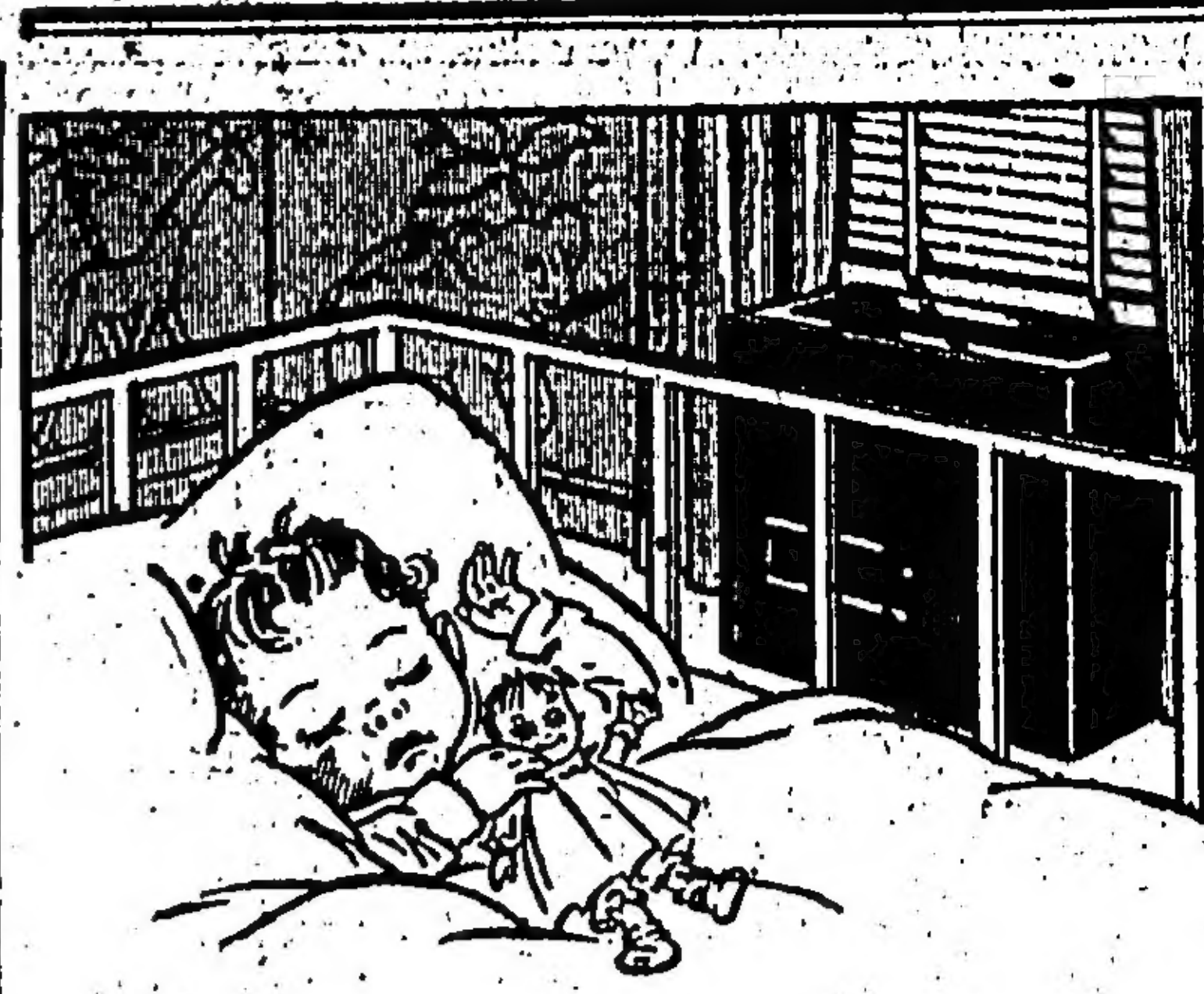
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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have re-
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Thursday, the 15th April, 1948,
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Tenders are invited for the
purchase of the above vessel
as she lies in Hong Kong.

Application for permits to
inspect the vessel should be
made to A. D. OLIE, Marine
Superintendent, Anglo Saxon
Petroleum Co., Ltd., Shell
House, (2nd floor), and ten-
ders will be received up to
noon on Saturday 17th April
1948.

The Marine Superintendent
does not bind himself to accept
the highest or any offer.

A. D. OLIE,
Marine Supt.,
ANGLO SAXON,
Petroleum Co., Ltd.,
Shell House.

Hong Kong, 12th April, 1948.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have re-
ceived instructions to sell by
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Friday, the 16th April, 1948,
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at their Sales Rooms,
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1. Under instructions from the
War Office London the follow-
ing quantities of R.A.S.C.
Supplies are offered for sale.

2. Tenders are invited for the
purchase of the whole or part
lots of each commodity.

3. Barley Pearl 224 lbs.
Oatmeal 4 tons
Baking Pdr. 1152 lbs.
Lime Juice 312 qts.
Lemon Juice 4774 qts.
Tapioca 450 lbs.

4. These commodities may be
inspected at the Command
Supply Depot, Shamshui-po, be-
tween the hours of 10 a.m. to
4 p.m. daily until Friday, 16 Apr
48.

5. Applications to view will be
received at and necessary passes
and tender forms obtained from
H.Q. R.A.S.C., Whitfield
Barracks, Nathan Road, KOW-
LOON, daily between the hours
of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. up to
Friday, 16 Apr. 48.

6. Tenders will be received up
to 11 a.m. Monday, 18 Apr. 48,
and must be deposited at H.Q.
R.A.S.C., Whitfield Barracks,
KOWLOON, in sealed packets,
marked "Tender for R.A.S.C.
Supplies" before this time and
date.

7. The Secretary of State for
War does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any tender.

E. G. HAZELTON,
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commander, Royal Army
Service Corps,
H.Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.**Notice To Shareholders****ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday,
28th April, 1948, at 12.15
p.m., or at such time as the
Ordinary Annual Meeting of
Members to be held at the same
place at Noon shall terminate,
for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the
following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of
Association produced to the
Meeting, and for the purpose
of identification subscribed
by David Fortune Landale,
Chairman of the Company
and of the Meeting, be
adopted as the Articles of
Association of the Company
in substitution for and to the
exclusion of all existing
Articles of Association of the
Company."

A copy of the Proposed New
Articles can be inspected by
any Shareholder at the Offices
of the Company during the
usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.**Notice To Shareholders****ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary
Annual Meeting of the Members
of the Company will be held at
the Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednes-
day, 28th April, 1948, at Noon,
to receive and consider the
Report of the Board of Directors
and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the
Register of Members and
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from 15th April,
1948, to 28th April, 1948, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Forty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Share-
holders in the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday
15th April, 1948, at 11 A.M.
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors
together with Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1947, to
sanction the declaration of a
Dividend and Bonus and to re-
elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
1st April, 1948, to 15th April,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1948.

NOTICE

WE BEG TO ADVISE OUR CLIENTS THAT
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THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLD-
ERS will be held in the Board
Room of the Company, Room
No. 303, Queen's Building,
Hong Kong, on Tuesday the
27th April, 1948, at noon for
the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider
the Statement of Accounts and
Balance Sheet and the
Report of the Directors
and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and
fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other or-
dinary business of the
Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY
GIVEN that the TRANSFER
BOOKS of the COMPANY
will be closed from the 10th
April 1948 to the 27th April
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.**A Paper entitled TELEVISION**

by
Mr. P. V. Reveley
B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., F.T.S.

will be read on

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL,
1948
at 6 p.m.

In the Jacobean Room of the
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Inspector's Story In Fish Case

"I waited a few moments until the tricycles were
fully loaded with fish before I stopped out
and stopped them from moving away, and
brought them to the main group, where a
torch light was flashed on me and the second
defendant, Kwok, told me that he was a
Fishery Inspector," said Inspector W. A. R.
Saunders, when he gave his evidence in the
alleged Fishery Bribery case before Mr. A. J.
Clifford at Central yesterday.

Charged were: Chan Kun-
kau, 32, Kwok Muk-hoi, 39,
Lee Kai-wan, 24 and Tso Wai-
hin 25. Senior Superintendent
of Police P. W. Shafrin pro-
secuted, while Mr. B. A. Ber-
nacechi represented the first de-
fendant and Mr. J. C. Stewart
the rest of the defendants.

Cross-examined, Mr. Cater
said that during the strike
which started in the middle of
November several lots of fish
were diverted to Macao.

First defendant was sent to
Cheung Chau during the strike.
He reported that smuggling was
taking place by certain Kai Fong
junks.

He had received reports that
quantities of fish had gone to the
black market and had also a re-
port from the Chief Inspector
that all the fish were not getting
to the wholesale market.

Joining British Council

London, Apr. 12.
Miss Lynda Grier, British
Council Representative for China,
left Britain yesterday to take up
her new appointment. She is
travelling by BOAC flying boat
and is due to arrive in Hong
Kong Wednesday. She will then
immediately continue her journey
by air to Shanghai.

Miss Grier's appointment has
been warmly welcomed, for apart
from her qualifications she has
special sympathy for China and
its many problems. Under her
leadership, British Council ac-
tivities are certain to achieve in-
creasing success in strengthening
the cultural bonds with Britain
in the Far East.

A colleague of Miss Grier is
also leaving for China in a few
days. He is Mr. Robert Bruce
who will be the Council's repre-
sentative at Hong Kong.

A Scotborn in Fraserburgh,
Aberdeenshire, Mr. Bruce is no
stranger to China or South-East
Asia for prior to the outbreak of
hostilities in the Pacific he was a
member of the Malayan Civil
Service and went to Canton to
study the Chinese language. He
gave up the service because of
ill health, came home to Britain,
and during the war worked in
censorship in the Ministry of In-
formation. He then joined the
British Council and was appointed
Area Officer for the North of
Scotland with headquarters at
Aberdeen.

Mr. Bruce was educated at
Fraserburgh Academy and Aber-
deen University, from which he
holds an M.A. degree.

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His Excellency the Governor
has made the following appoint-
ments to the Port Welfare Com-
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der, proceeded on leave; Mr. D.
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To be Secretary:—Mr. N. B. M.
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In answer to Mr. Stewart, wit-
ness said that when a new in-
spector was employed the regula-
tions were explained to him by
the chief inspector.

Asked if it was true that the
inspectors were having a tough
time dealing with the wharf cool-
ies, that when a tub of fish was
seized, the coolies would rush
through with the other tubs and
get away, Mr. Cater said this
was not the case. The inspec-
tors could always call on the
police for assistance.

Saw Junk

Inspector W. A. R. Saunders
said that in the early morning
of Jan. 19 he saw a junk coming
alongside the Praya wall, about
50 yards from Sai Kung Wharf.
As soon as the junk tied up a
utility van passed and he saw
tricycle coolies starting to load
fish on to their tricycles.

He waited a few moments till
the tricycles were fully loaded
with fish and then went up, stop-
ped them and took them back to
the main group. A torch light
was flashed on him by Kwok
(the second defendant) who told
him that he was a Fishery In-
spector.

He told Kwok that he would
be seizing the fish and arresting
the master of the junk. Kwok
replied that he had no power to
do so.

Saunders said that he could
not wait on board and arrest the
master and took him ashore and
then ordered two lorries from the
Fishery Department and had the
fish taken away.

The master was taken to Com-
munity Station and charged with
illegal landing of fish. While in
the station, Kwok asked if he
could prosecute the case and he
said that he could not. The junk
master was allowed \$500 bail.
After he was bailed out, the junk
master left the station with
Kwok.

Witness would not agree with
defence counsel that Kwok could
not speak English properly; he
would say that he spoke it quite
fluently.

Chouk Chung said he was a
freight ticket seller on the Tai-O
ferry and it was his duty to sell
tickets according to the weight
of the cargo. He himself took
no part in the weighing of the
goods. On arrival in Hong Kong,
the wharf coolies would unload
all the goods brought in by the
ferry.

After evidence had been given
by Lau Yiu and Chan Chi, both
employed on board the ferries as
freight collectors, further hearing
was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

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RESOURCES OF BRITISH TROOPS STRETCHED TO UTMOST

Problem Of Palestine Grows More Difficult

London, Apr. 12.

British troops had been able to defend large numbers of Arab villages and Jewish settlements in Palestine, but "the resources of the military at present are stretched to the full" and "at the same time they are engaged in withdrawing," the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, stated in the House of Commons today.

The Government, he added, were fully alive to the importance of preventing the civil war from developing. The military were taking every conceivable step that could be taken with their limited resources.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, Conservative, who had asked the Colonial Secretary whether the Government proposed only to express regret at the reported killing of 200 Arab inhabitants of the village of Deir Yassin last Friday, suggested that if the Government were unable to maintain security in certain areas, it would be better to tell the United Nations of it right away.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that duplication of authority would make the security situation very much worse.

Lord Winterton, Conservative, asked how it was that one set of Jewish terrorists, the Irgun, claimed credit for the outrage and another, Haganah, who were controlled by the Jewish Agency, regretted it.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that he thought it would possibly be found that Haganah were involved in the operations to some extent.

Cruel Outrage

Mr. Creech Jones said the Jewish Agency had condemned the outrage at Deir Yassin, but he was afraid it was little use asking the Jewish Agency to do anything further.

No Division

Mr. Stanley said that he recognised the limitations upon the military during withdrawal, but the Government should not continue with a burden they could no longer carry.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that it was important that the Palestine administration should be wound up without duplication of authority, otherwise the security position would become very much worse.

Bevin On World Situation

London, Apr. 12.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is expected to review the world situation with particular reference to the Marshall Plan arrangements, the Western Union, and the occupying powers relations in launching a two-day Parliamentary foreign affairs debate, probably in the last week of this month.

There is increasing pressure from rank and file Members of all parties for discussion of the resolution demanding a full European Union, which, tabled some weeks ago, has now been signed by 160 Members.

Conservative, Liberal and Independent Members.

When Mr. Daniel Lipson, Independent, suggested that the Jewish Agency should be asked to follow up its condemnation of the outrage at Deir Yassin by giving every possible assistance to get hold of the perpetrators, the Colonial Secretary replied that he was afraid it was little use asking the Jewish Agency to do anything further.

Paris, Apr. 12.

Eighteen peasants arrested at Geryville, Algeria, during the week-end, "for having committed acts liable to endanger French sovereignty," the French news agency reported today.

Hon. Edwin Samuel Held Up

Jerusalem, Apr. 12.

The Hon. Edwin Samuel, eldest son of Viscount Samuel, was held up at gun-point today by two armed Arabs in Jerusalem.

He was told: "Come with us or we shoot." The incident occurred in St. Julian's Way, Jerusalem, in broad daylight, less than 50 yards from British troops manning the entrance to the security zone.

One of the armed Arabs stuck a gun in his stomach, grabbed him by the collar and started to pull him towards the Arab quarter. A second Arab gunman came up on the other side.

The Hon. Mr. Samuel shouted for help and began to struggle with his abductors.

Breaking free, he sprinted for the safety of the security zone, and flashed past the sentries before they could open fire. "They did not have time to ask me for my identity card," he commented afterwards.

Victim Of Demoralisation

London, Apr. 13.

Karl Hein Schropp, a 23-year-old German prisoner of war, who appeared at Perth Sheriff's Court today on two charges of theft by housebreaking, was said by his solicitor to be a "victim of the demoralisation which must be common among the German POWs waiting in this country for repatriation which never seems to come."

After the prosecution had said that if a prison sentence was passed he thought that the authorities would arrange for the return of "this undesirable character" to Germany, Schropp was sentenced to 90 days imprisonment.

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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Deau Gwiz" by P.C. Wren (Studio).

6.15 p.m.—"The Law of the Legion".

6.30 p.m.—Bob Walker Introduces Joan Griffiths, Steve Race, Val Merral, Jacques Valles and Anton and His Orchestra (ORH).

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Gao D'Aquino (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment by E. O'Neill Shaw (Studio).

7.30 p.m.—"I Bring You Music" Classical Request Hour Presented by Marion Glover.

8.30 p.m.—George Melachrino and His Orchestra (B.C.T.S.).

9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

9.15 p.m.—"Den", A Feature Programme written by Patrick D. Wallace (London Relay).

9.45 p.m.—Dance to Joe Daniels and His Hot Beats.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.15 p.m.—Selections from Opera.

10.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Concert.

10.50 p.m.—Epilogue (Studio).

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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SEYMOUR—On April 13, at French Hospital to Mollie, wife of W. H. Seymour, a daughter, Jane.

DEATH

CRUZ—On April 1, 1948 at the Shanghai General Hospital, Henriquez Jose Cruz, aged 47 years, formerly of the U.S. Navy, husband of Mrs. Amelia Cruz and father of Myra and Renaldo.

THAT WEEK-END IN MACAO SNAG

No very protracted argument should be necessary in support of the suggestion for eliminating visa requirements—as between Hong Kong and Macao—where short visits of 72 hours or less are involved. Cathay Pacific Airways who have raised the matter are, of course, directly interested as they have undertaken the task of developing a regular air service between the two ports, but they will find ready support from the scores who, desirous by any mode of conveyance of making a week-end trip to Macao, have been compelled to go through a series of irritating formalities.

None of this complicated red-tape system, which frequently takes days to unravel, was considered necessary before the outbreak of the Pacific War. As an emergency measure immediately after the Liberation, it may have been justified. But the practical value of the restrictions must, surely, have disappeared long since.

On such points as these, Government has throughout several months of attack preserved a discreet silence. No answer was forthcoming even during the recent Budget Debate when various aspects of immigration control were the subject of Unofficial comment and a direct request was made for the setting up of a small Committee to examine them. The Government's official attitude can only be surmised from its policy—which while it feels satisfied to reduce the status of the Immigration Officer from that of a Superintendent to that of an Inspector of Police, is content to leave his extraordinarily wide powers undisturbed, and to ignore public complaint on the most vexatious features of the system.

Nor must sight be lost of the fact that the measures imposed by Macao against arrivals from Hong Kong were undoubtedly introduced by way of reprisal for Hong Kong's maladroit treatment of Macao residents travelling to Hong Kong. Apparently the attempt now being made to secure some modifications of existing regulations is designed to persuade the Macao authorities to make the first move. It must be expected, for it is only reasonable, that Macao will enquire what she may obtain by way of consideration. What is to be the quid pro quo?

This is a matter which warrants a closer study by both authorities, for it should not be beyond wit even of a hide-bound officialdom to devise some simple method by which travel between Hong Kong and Macao by bona fide residents of either place can be facilitated, and at the same time preserve the defences against whatever peril the present regulations are supposed to afford protection.

Rome, Apr. 12. Four members of a family—an Italian, his wife and two children—were killed when their small plane crashed today into Lake Albano, near Rome.

The Collapse Of Fascism

One worry after another piles up on us and we hardly know how to meet them. It makes me shudder as I wonder what city is going to be hit next.

May 28. The English wrested air supremacy from us not only as the result of tremendous energy on the part of the R.A.F. and the British aircraft industry, but also thanks to certain unfortunate circumstances and to our own negligence.

Why cannot we in time wrest it back from the English, if once we abandon the thesis that the war in the East must be ended first? It seems to me that the air situation should be considered one of the most critical phases of the war.

Goering is to speak on June 6. I would far prefer that he did not talk. That would give me a chance.

Missing from the diaries are the pages covering June—in which the R.A.F. carried on a non-stop offensive over Europe, blasting among other cities Cologne and Hamburg—and most of July, when the Allies began their attack on the Italian peninsula by the invasion of Sicily.

Italian Changes

July 28: We received confidential information that a certain change was taking place in Italian politics.

Led by Farinacci, the Old Guard Fascists have requested the Duce to call a meeting of the Fascist Grand Council.

At this meeting the Duce is to be persuaded to get rid of the burden of holding so many offices, so that he may regain his initiative and strength for guiding the over-all policies and the war effort of Italy.

Farinacci is not only an energetic man but also a pronounced friend of Germany. We can depend upon him blindly.

Thus far only the Germans have stood their ground in Sicily. Every time the Italians were involved in serious fighting they capitulated.

Air warfare on Sicily, too, is being conducted almost exclusively by the Germans.

Unfortunately this means our preparations for reprisals against England during the ensuing winter must once again be interrupted.

I don't believe we shall be able to make reprisal attacks in the foreseeable future.

Our textile industry has been pretty badly hit by English air raids. We are not in a position to redeem the Reich textile coupon card, that is, we can't call up the unused points. Whatever we have in the way of reserves must be pumped into the distressed areas.

The letters addressed to me are disturbing. Above all, they keep asking why the Fuehrer does not visit the bombed areas, why Goering is nowhere to be seen, and especially why the Fuehrer doesn't talk to the German people and explain the present situation.

One cannot neglect the people too long: in the last analysis they are the very kernel of our war effort.

If the people ever lost their will to resist and their faith in German leadership, the most serious crisis we ever faced would result.

Hamburg Again

July 28: During the night there was an exceptionally heavy raid on Hamburg, with most serious consequences both for the civilian population and for armament production. Unfortunately we shot down very few planes—12 all told.

Only two days previously Colonel-General Wiese took the heavy anti-aircraft guns away from Hamburg to send them to Italy. That was the last straw! New quarters must be found for about 150,000 to 200,000 people.

I don't know how we are going to solve that problem.

Stalin has issued an order of the day. The Red Army is aiming that the Wehrmacht's summer offensive failed, and that we had not been able to make a decisive breakthrough.

The Soviets were again in the positions in which they were surprised by the German offensive. The Wehrmacht no longer had the power to compel the Soviets to yield much territory.

Unfortunately what Stalin says is, for the most part correct. I suppose we can't possibly change the situation by offensive operations as we have been able to do in the past two summers.

When I reached my home I was immediately called by telephone from the Fuehrer's G.H.Q. The news from there sounds almost unbelievable.

Duce's Resignation

It is to the effect that the Duce has resigned, and Badoglio has taken over in Italy in his place. The whole situation, I was informed, was still very obscure; the news had come over the radio from Reuters.

At G.H.Q. nobody can determine just what has really happened. The Fuehrer wants me to proceed immediately to his headquarters.

Personally, I believe that for the time being at least, the end of Fascism has come.

July 27: Before I could speak to the Fuehrer I had a talk at G.H.Q. with Himmler and Bormann. They don't believe Mussolini resigned voluntarily.

Badoglio and his henchmen used this occasion to try to mislead me.

Goebbels' Diary

Presumably he was then called to the Quirinal, where he was arrested and compelled to resign.

It is simply shocking to think that the revolutionary movement that has been in power for 21 years could be liquidated in such a way.

But this isn't the end yet. At ten o'clock together with Goering, I had my first talk with the Fuehrer. Although what has happened in Italy has made a deep impression upon him, it has not succeeded in throwing him off his equilibrium.

On the contrary, his brain was already at work feverishly formulating and preparing new decisions. Half an hour later Ribbentrop joined in this decisive discussion.

He had just come through an attack of pneumonia and was very weak.

No Meaning

The Fuehrer was convinced the Duce had not resigned voluntarily. He had been arrested. Nobody could know whether he was still alive. That meant Fascism was in mortal danger.

In the final analysis this crisis was, of course, directed against Germany. The assertion in Badoglio's proclamation that the war would continue meant exactly nothing.

The Fuehrer intends to deliver a great coup. A parachute division now stationed in Southern France is to land all around Rome.

This parachute division is to occupy Rome, arrest the King with his entire family, together with Badoglio and his henchmen, and fly them all to Germany.

Once we have the King, Badoglio, and all the men behind the scenes in our hands, the whole situation will be completely changed.

I don't think the Fuehrer is right in believing in the possibility that the Duce is already dead. My instinct is that the hostile camarilla has taken him into custody to prevent him from making himself heard.

Farinacci, hearing that he was to be arrested, is reported to have gone to the German Embassy.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

will be found in Page Eight

Early on Monday morning he was flown from Rome to Munich in a German plane, and he is now on his way to G.H.Q. The Fuehrer intends to use Farinacci for setting up an Italian counter-Government.

According to the reports reaching us, the Vatican is in a state of feverish diplomatic activity. The Fuehrer at first intended, when arresting the responsible men in Rome, to seize the Vatican also, but Ribbentrop and I opposed the plan most emphatically.

I would regard such a measure as exceptionally unfortunate because of the effect it would have on world opinion.

This whole episode is the greatest example of perfidy in modern history.

None Too Many

We took stock of the troops we have in Italy. There are none too many, but if we reinforce them energetically we can still expect some success.

Quite gratuitously there was a day raid of 200 enemy planes on

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You may as well give up, Hitler! I tell you she's going to marry me for my money!"

Some Sections In Germany Almost In A State Of Panic

Prince Philip of Hesse (married to the daughter of the Italian King and a Nazi district governor), who happens to be at G.H.Q. is to be kept out of the picture as far as possible. The Fuehrer therefore instructed me to take charge of him personally.

Prince Philip told me some intimate details about Italian society. I gather that the Roman aristocracy is entirely opposed to Mussolini.

Only five days before the crisis the Italian Crown Prince told Prince Philip that Mussolini must really be regarded as a criminal.

Behaved Unwisely

Farinacci was received by Ribbentrop and then by the Fuehrer. He behaved very unwisely during these talks.

The Fuehrer expected he would express his profound respect for developments and at least stand unreservedly by the Duce. This, however, he did not do. His report to the Fuehrer consisted mainly in severe criticism of the Duce's personality and conduct. These criticisms upset the Duce terribly.

Farinacci still believes that the King acted loyally toward Mussolini and that the Duce resigned voluntarily.

It is evident that we cannot use this man on any grand scale. The Fuehrer handed him over to Himmler to look after for the present.

I had a long talk with Goebbels. He told me about his grave concern over the present status of the war. He pleaded for concentration at some point, since we cannot afford to be active on all fronts.

The Fuehrer was extremely busy all the evening. He received one after the other. He was therefore very tired and dined alone.

At night there was another conference with the Fuehrer. He again developed his view that action against Italy must be undertaken as quickly as possible.

The debate lasted until long past midnight. Unfortunately it led to no final result.

I sided with the Fuehrer. I, too, believe that at present you can accomplish much more with a small force than with a greater force and after more careful preparation.

All of us, including the Fuehrer, now agree that the Vatican is to be exempted from our plans. A coup by parachute troops would certainly be successful within the next 24 hours.

And then I will rest my bed and sleep a dreamless sleep.

"The Old Rogue"

July 28: In the morning news reached us that Churchill intends to speak in the House of Commons. The old rogue will no doubt ride triumphantly on his high horse.

I can hardly imagine that Fascism has ceased to be a fact. The Italian editorials are positively malicious. They speak of about 20 years of slavery, and the creatures who now occupy editorial chairs hasten to assert that at last they feel free again.

France has instructed his Press to report events in Italy without commentary and to be strictly neutral. This inflated peacock owes it to the Duce alone that he is sitting on the tender's throne.

The last night on Essen caused complete stoppage of production in the Krupp Works. Speer is much worried.

At noon I had another long talk with the Fuehrer. He is tremendously disappointed in Farinacci. He expected to see an enthusiastic follower of the Duce, and instead found a broken man, trying to slander the Duce by criticising him in a tearful voice.

The Fuehrer has the right ideas about the King. He sees in him a weakling, senile, decrepit, and easily won over by any group which offers him support.

The Italian yellow Press is now building three I will rest my bed and sleep a dreamless sleep.

More Clamour

People are clamouring more and more insistently for an authoritative person, preferably the Fuehrer himself, to speak. But who can one say in the present situation?

I am somewhat confused about the results of our conferences. We are doing too much on the military and too little on the political side of the war. At this moment, when our military successes are none too great, it would be a good thing if we knew how to make better use of the political instrument. The English owe most of their success to their virtuosity in handling political possibilities.

We are having a lot of trouble about the relationship between German and Italian workers. There have been frequent fist fights.

July 29: During the night we had the heaviest raid yet made on Hamburg. The English expended over the city with 800 to 1,000 bombs. Our air anti-aircraft succeeded in shooting down only very few.

A city of a million inhabitants has been destroyed in a manner unparalleled in history. We are faced with problems that are almost impossible of solution.

Kaufmann, in his report, spoke of about 80,000 homeless people wandering up and down the streets, not knowing what to do.

According to reports from Rome, efforts are under way to bring back the Italian workers from the Reich. We suppressed early signs of unrest among these workers by suitable measures; that was not very difficult.

Japanese Pressure

The Japanese military mission in Berlin has given me a memorandum on our present military situation. They believe we should, in no circumstances, give up Sicily. They urge that extraordinary measures be taken.

They declare that if they were in a similar situation they would operate with suicide torpedoes and suicide divers so as to deliver a devastating blow to the English Mediterranean Fleet. I, too, believe that it is necessary to do something beyond the normal.

A great deal of unrest has been created in Berlin by the way in which certain Berlin public offices have been evacuated.

The Berliners therefore believe that if there were more serious air raids the Government would be the first to run away. Naturally there can be no thought of that. I have therefore started propaganda by word of mouth to offset it.

August in which Stilly fell to the Allies, is missing from the diary, together with the entries for the early days of September.

Second Front?

September 8: Churchill is to be regarded as nothing but a muddlehead when it comes to questions of a future order and an international regime. On the other hand, he is undoubtedly the right man for England when it comes to the practical conduct of the war.

The Fuehrer is still convinced that the English and Americans are merely carrying out a camouflage manoeuvre in Calabria (Italy). He believes they will shortly try an invasion in the West.

He doesn't under any circumstances want to be surprised by Churchill and Roosevelt. The Italian Press hardly mentions the war any more. The Italians could hardly offer a more accurate spectacle to the world.

But all these lesser worries disappear in the face of our great anxiety about the Eastern Front. The Soviets have reported enormous successes.

While the reports are not quite accurate, there is much truth in all of them. It may be necessary to retreat on a larger scale than was originally planned. The situation has become so critical that the Fuehrer may fly there himself to look after things.

While I am firmly convinced that the Fuehrer will succeed in mastering it, the energies that must be expended to do so are enormous.

German (a propaganda official) has reported to me about conditions in Denmark. I gather a situation has arisen which can only be called critical. Especially in Copenhagen, the events occurred there are more than shocking.

German soldiers could hardly appear on the streets; German girls had Swastikas branded on their bodies; acts of sabotage against Wehrmacht barracks and about 20 years of slavery, and the creatures who now occupy editorial chairs hasten to assert that at last they feel free again.

I have the impression that the treatment of population in the Netherlands is being handled best in the Netherlands. Seyss-Inquart is a master in the art of alternating gingerbread with whippings, and of putting severe measures through with a light touch.

Italian Armistice

September 9: A sensational development took place in Italy during the day. Without telling us a single word about it in advance, Badoglio has offered unconditional surrender and concluded an armistice with the enemy Powers.

At about seven o'clock the Fuehrer telephoned asking me to come to G.H.Q. He is incensed about developments.

Ever since Mussolini's exit we have anticipated and expected this development. The Italians are deserting us in our most critical hour.

France and the Spanish people no longer believe in German victory, and are therefore falling more and more toward the Anglo-Saxons. We have not much influence in Spain at present.

A Swiss report provides further details concerning the Duce's fall. Ciano was the ringleader against his own father-in-law. He is a scoundrel and a contemptible traitor, unique and unparalleled in all history. The King hasn't proved much better. But what else can you expect of a King?

Thank God, everyone here combines to prevent any similar occurrence with us.

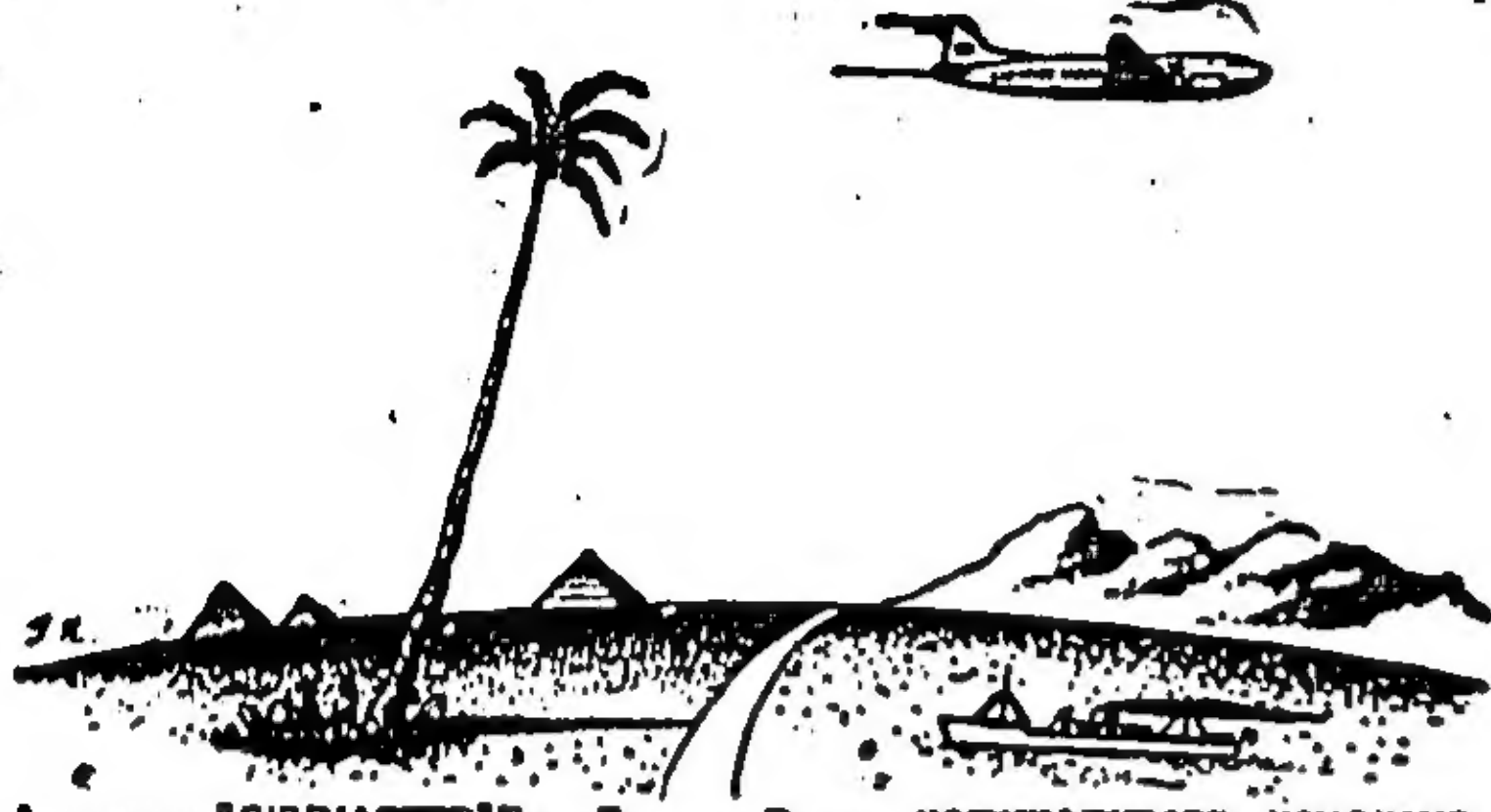
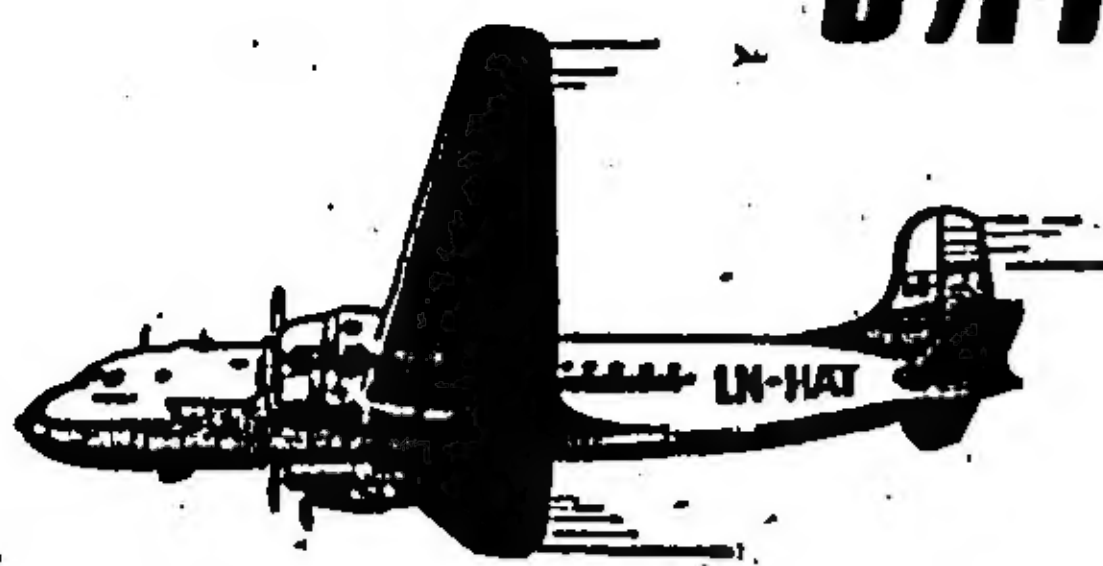
September 10: A deep resignation pervades the whole country. At G.H.Q. there were few signs of life. Everybody had been up until five in the morning. The Fuehrer, too, was still "feeling" since the exertions of yesterday and last night were naturally enormous.

The Fuehrer anticipated Italian treason as something absolutely certain. He was really the only one who firmly counted on it. And yet, when it actually happened, it upset him pretty badly.

The Fuehrer had "hanged" us, who he supposed he had "hanged" to my expectations. He looked down exceptionally well.

It is always to be noted that in times of crisis the Fuehrer stays above himself physically and spiritually. He had been nearly two hours sleepless, but now looked as healthy as a horse. He was in the street, not knowing what to do.

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Bogota Fighting Continues

Snipers Send Crowds Fleeing Mob Was King For One Terrible Night

Bogota, Apr. 12.

New battles between troops and snipers sent crowds fleeing from ruined streets in downtown Bogota today.

Heavy firing broke out soon after the government announced that the Pan-American conference would be continued "so that Communism cannot triumph" over nations of the Western Hemisphere.

Residents were circulating freely for the first time since the rioting broke out on Friday, but snipers, still hidden in downtown buildings, opened fire. In a few moments the streets were empty.

A detachment of troops poured fire into the ruins of the Interior Ministry where snipers were stationed on the flat roof-top.

Early this afternoon another fierce fight took place around the Church of La Vera Cruz in the belfry of which numerous snipers were holding out. The next was finally silenced.

The influential newspaper, El Tiempo, said the police found in the ruins of blood-stained clothing torn from the lynched assassin of the Liberal leader, Jorge Eliecer Gaitan, documents bearing the name of Juan Roa Sierra.

Completely Sacked
The documents were an Army record book and a police certificate. The El Tiempo said the assassin's weapon was a 32-calibre nickel-plated pistol.

Although the Government claimed that order had been restored, police and army troops were extending control from the centre of the city outward. Snipers were being routed from their strongpoints with rifle fire at times and with anti-tank guns when they were too strongly entrenched.

The Communists certainly participated in the revolution. They may have planned and deliberately precipitated it. But the damage to Bogota was done by a mob of ill-dressed, ill-fed and ill-housed people whose motives were to loot, not politics.

No metropolitan city of this hemisphere ever has been so completely sacked by a mob. From 2 p.m. on Friday until early Saturday morning the mob was king. Riot was the order of the day. Most of the deaths in that night of terror were not the result of fighting among those who were trying to usurp or retain political power. The deaths resulted from fights over loot. Colombians kill Colombians, probably in most cases not knowing their targets.

Embassy

This correspondent and another spent Friday night in the United States Embassy with about 50 men and women of the U.S. delegation. Fires raged on all sides as the mob looted the downtown section and set fire to nearly every major building except the well-guarded Presidential Palace. Rioters also set fire to the Embassy building. Four times during the night and early morning those in the Embassy prepared to leave when fires from the first floor shot as high as the

third floor. To make the situation worse no lights were allowed in the Embassy office quarters except three essential ones—the telephone switchboard, the communications room and one for this correspondent to write his despatches.—United Press.

Czechoslovakia Put Before The UNO

Lake Success, Apr. 12.

Chile today formally requested the United Nations Security Council to set up a sub-committee to make a preliminary investigation and examine the evidence for her accusation that the Soviet Union had interfered in the internal affairs of Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Herman Santacruz (Chile), moving the resolution, said the sub-committee should hear evidence and statements and report to the Council at the earliest possible time.

M. Andrei Gromyko (Soviet Union), after terming the Chilean complaint a "slandorous document," said: "The Soviet

Union did not have, and does not have, anything to do with what has taken place in Czechoslovakia. The assertions about Soviet interference in the internal affairs of Czechoslovakia are a mere invention."

M. Gromyko said that the presence of M. Zorin, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, in Prague at the time of the political change was connected with trade talks and nothing else.

M. Gromyko declared that the assertion that the events in Czechoslovakia were an indication of Soviet expansion in Europe was "groundless."

U.S. Imperialism

"Talk of Soviet expansion is invoked here to distort the meaning of the entire question and, to distract the attention of world opinion from the actual imperialist expansion of the United States in Europe and from the real plans of the United States Government concerning Czechoslovakia," he declared.

M. Gromyko denied that the Soviet Union had violated its treaty with Czechoslovakia. "The Soviet Union has always remained, and continues to remain, true to its international obligations, including obligations under treaties with eastern European countries."

Flat Rejection

He opposed the proposed investigation into recent events in Czechoslovakia, and said that Article 34 of the Charter referred only to situations of an international character.

"The changes in the composition of the Government of Czechoslovakia are within the internal competences of Czechoslovakia," he declared.

"There are no reasons to put the question of any investigation whatever and all such demands must be flatly rejected," he said.—Reuter.

Lewis Accepts Plan

Washington, Apr. 12.

Mr. John L. Lewis, leader of the United Mineworkers strike, has accepted a provisional pensions plan submitted by Senator Styles Bridges, the "neutral" trustee of the Miners Welfare Fund, who proposed pensions of \$100 a month for miners over 62 who have served 20 years in the industry and retired after May 23, 1946.

Mr. Lewis had demanded a \$100 pension for miners at 60, with 20 years service, but also wanted all members of the United Mineworkers to be eligible.

The coal operators took the stand that only men employed at those mines which have contributed to the Welfare Fund should be eligible.

The agreement was announced just before Mr. Lewis and his Union were due to appear before a judge for alleged contempt of court for failing to call off the strike.

Settlement of the strike dispute has not purged Mr. Lewis of the charges of contempt of court, however. Federal Judge Goldsborough had the ruling that the pensions agreement had "absolutely nothing to do with the contempt proceeding" and today ordered Mr. Lewis to face trial on Wednesday morning on the charges.—Reuter.

Russian Claims Rejected

London, Apr. 12.

Britain, France and the United States today rejected the latest Russian claims on the Danube Shipping Company in part settlement of German assets in Austria due to Russia under the Potsdam Agreement.

At today's meeting of the Foreign Ministers Deputies, who were discussing the Austrian treaty, no agreement was reached on any subject. They will meet again tomorrow.

Russia now claims all the external assets of the Danube Shipping Company and all its assets in eastern Austria. Formerly, she had claimed all external assets, plus 25 per cent of the Company's assets inside Austria.—Reuter.

Death Of Matheson Lang

Bridgetown, Barbados, Apr. 12.

Matheson Lang, the Canadian-born Shakespearean actor, died here last night at the age of 63.

His career, which brought him fame in Britain and the Empire, ended with an attack of pneumonia in 1937. He went to Barbados to recuperate, but in 1941, when he visited South Africa, it was reported he was a confirmed invalid and that the stage had lost one of its greatest stars and one of the last of the actor-managers.—Reuter.

De Gaulle Successes Confirmed

Paris, Apr. 12.

The success of the de Gaulle candidates and the setback to the extreme Nationalists and Communists in the elections to Algeria's first local Parliament were confirmed tonight by official Ministry of the Interior figures after yesterday's second ballot.

The Algerian Parliament is elected by two separate bodies of voters, one known as the

European college and consisting of 550,000 French nationals, and the other as the Moslem college, with 1,300,000 votes. Each elects 60 members.

Of the 60 European deputies elected, 38 figure on Joint Conservative-Nationalist lists. Only one Communist was elected. Of the remaining 21, four are Socialists, one Popular Republican (MRP), and the rest Radicals or Conservative Independents.

Of the 60 deputies elected by the Moslem college, 43 are Independents, who favour the existing ties with France. The extreme Nationalists of the "Movement for the Triumph of Democratic Rights," led by Messali Hadj, and favouring Algerian independence and a link up with the Arab League, obtained only nine seats.

The slightly less extreme Nationalists of the "Front Algerien pour l'Independence" who seek Algerian independence without the French Union, obtained eight seats.

Both the Nationalist parties have alleged "undue pressure" by the French administration to influence the elections and these allegations have been reported by some left wing newspapers in Paris.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, Apr. 12.

The General Zionist Council tonight proclaimed the creation of a Provisional Government, Council for the Jewish State.—Reuter.

"I," But Not Me

London, Apr. 13.

Lord Latimer assured his relatives and friends in a letter in The Times today that he was not the Peer who was "murdered" in the BBC serial "thriller 'The Tipster'."

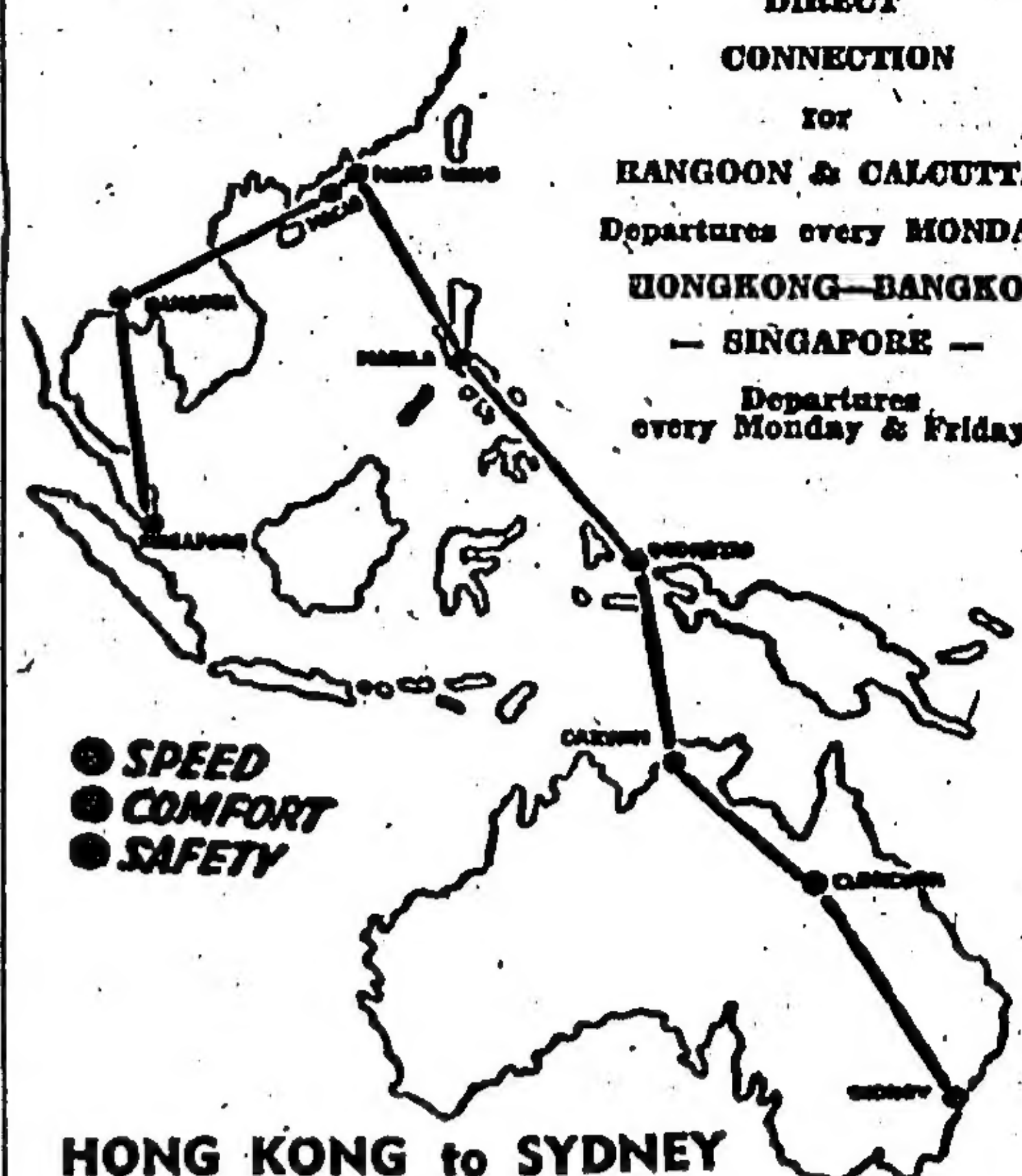
"May I say in answer to the condolences of my many friends and relations," he wrote, "that I am in fact alive and well."

Replying to the suggestion to consult Debreit or Burke before using the title of a living Peer in a serial thriller, a BBC spokesman said: "Our Lord Latimer was spelled with a 't' and it will not matter in future instalments now that he is dead." Associated Press.

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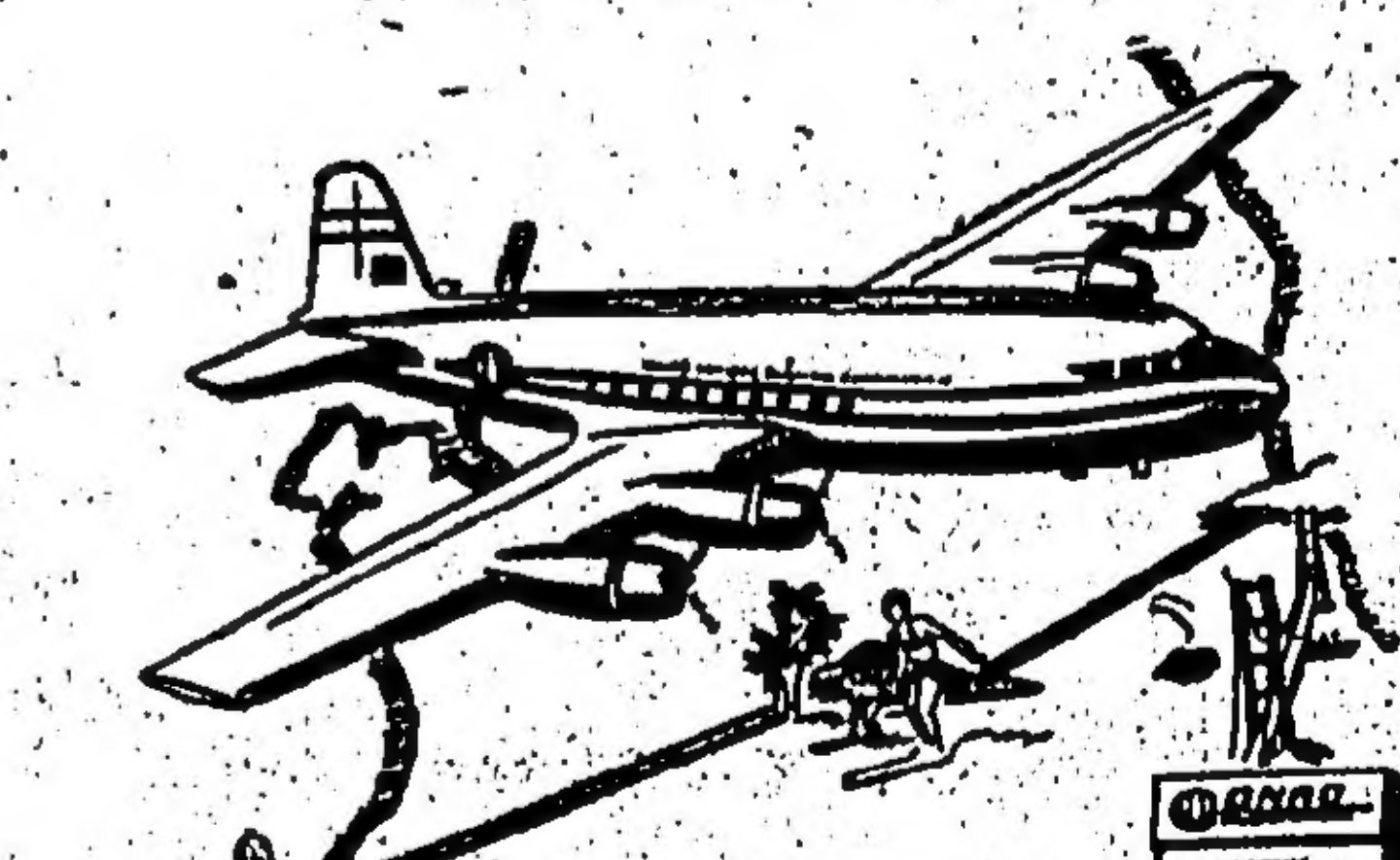
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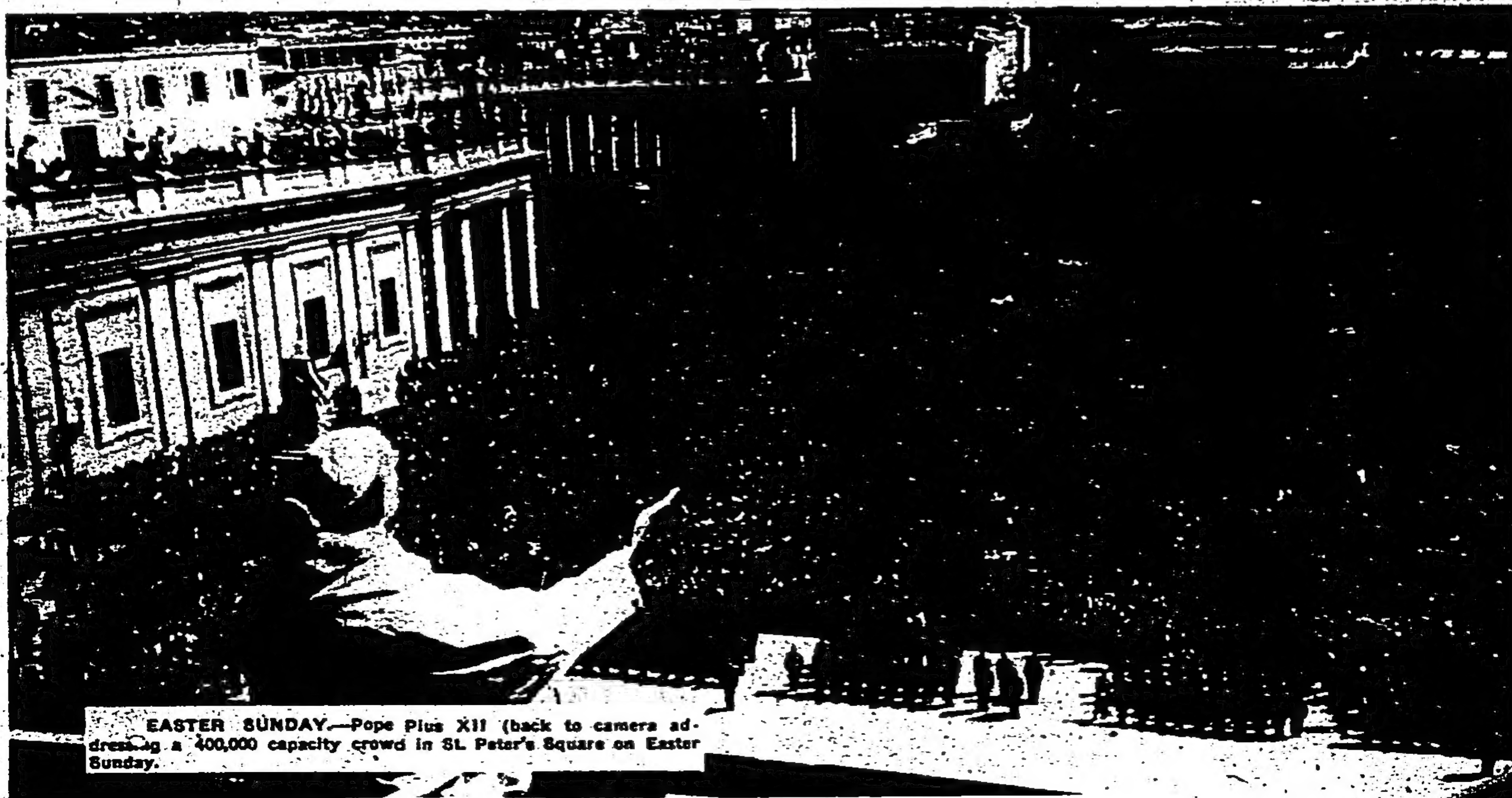
WINSTON AND ARTHUR.—Britain's famous wartime leader at the christening of his youngest grandchild, Arthur Nicholas Winston Soames (in the arms of Winston's daughter, Mary) at Westerham, Kent.

LAST VOYAGE.—Picture on right shows the veteran battleship, H.M.S. Rodney, on her last voyage up the Firth of Forth to the shipbreakers.



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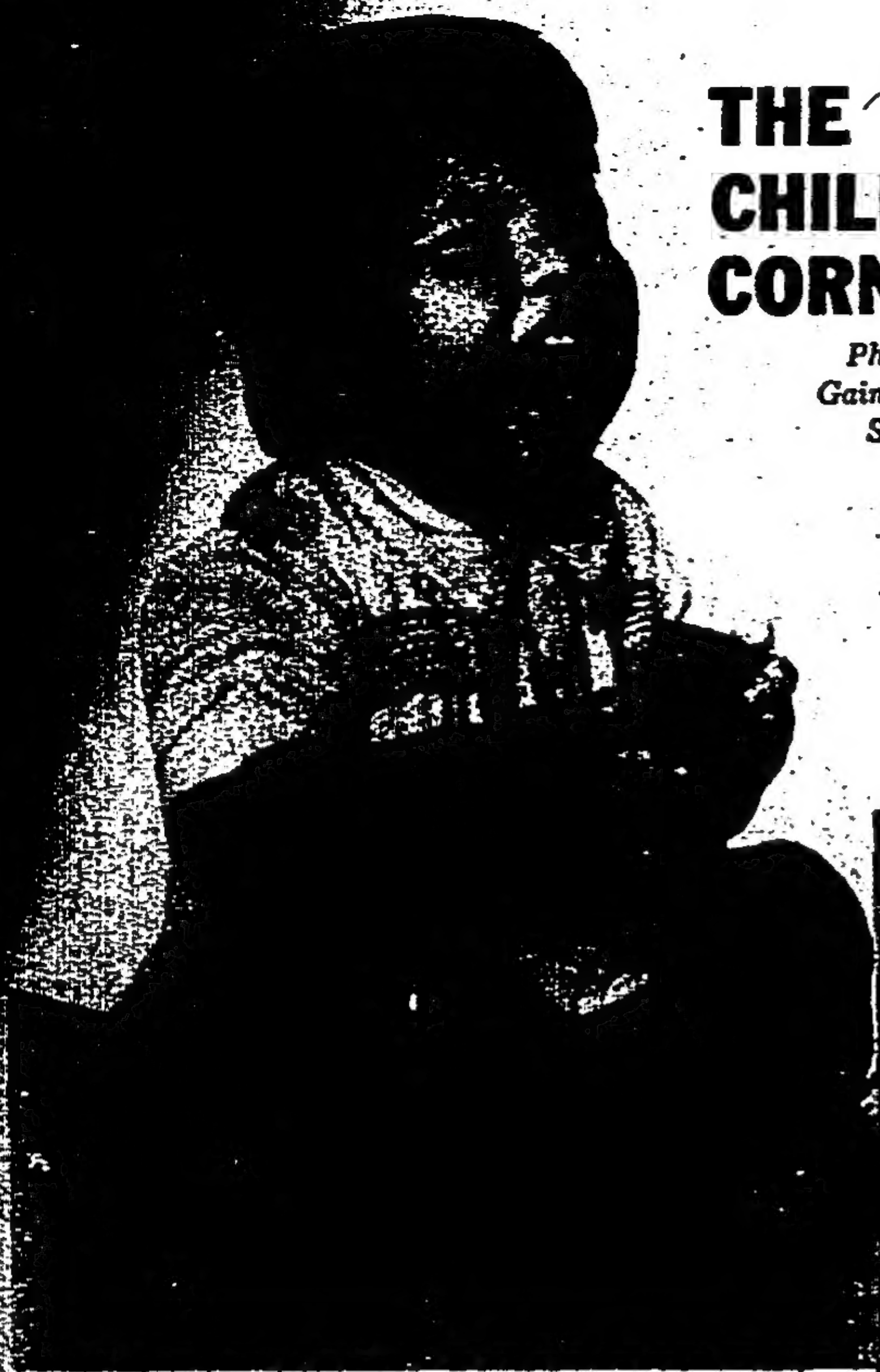
In the most brilliant Easter weather in Europe for many years, Associated Press photographers caught Mr. Churchill at a christening, a war veteran going to the breakers, and the biggest Christian assembly in Europe for many years.



EASTER SUNDAY.—Pope Pius XII (back to camera) addressing a 400,000 capacity crowd in St. Peter's Square on Easter Sunday.

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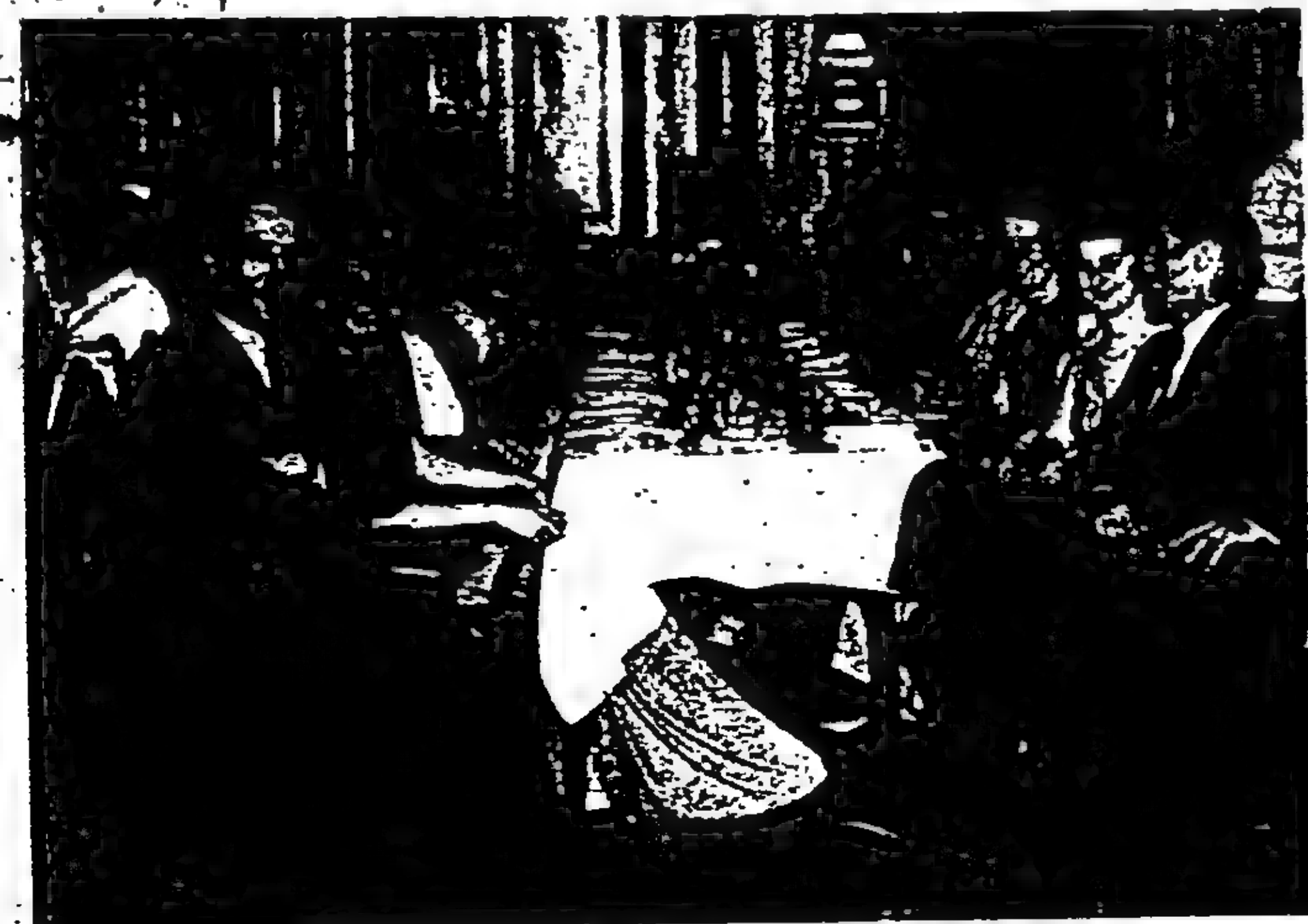


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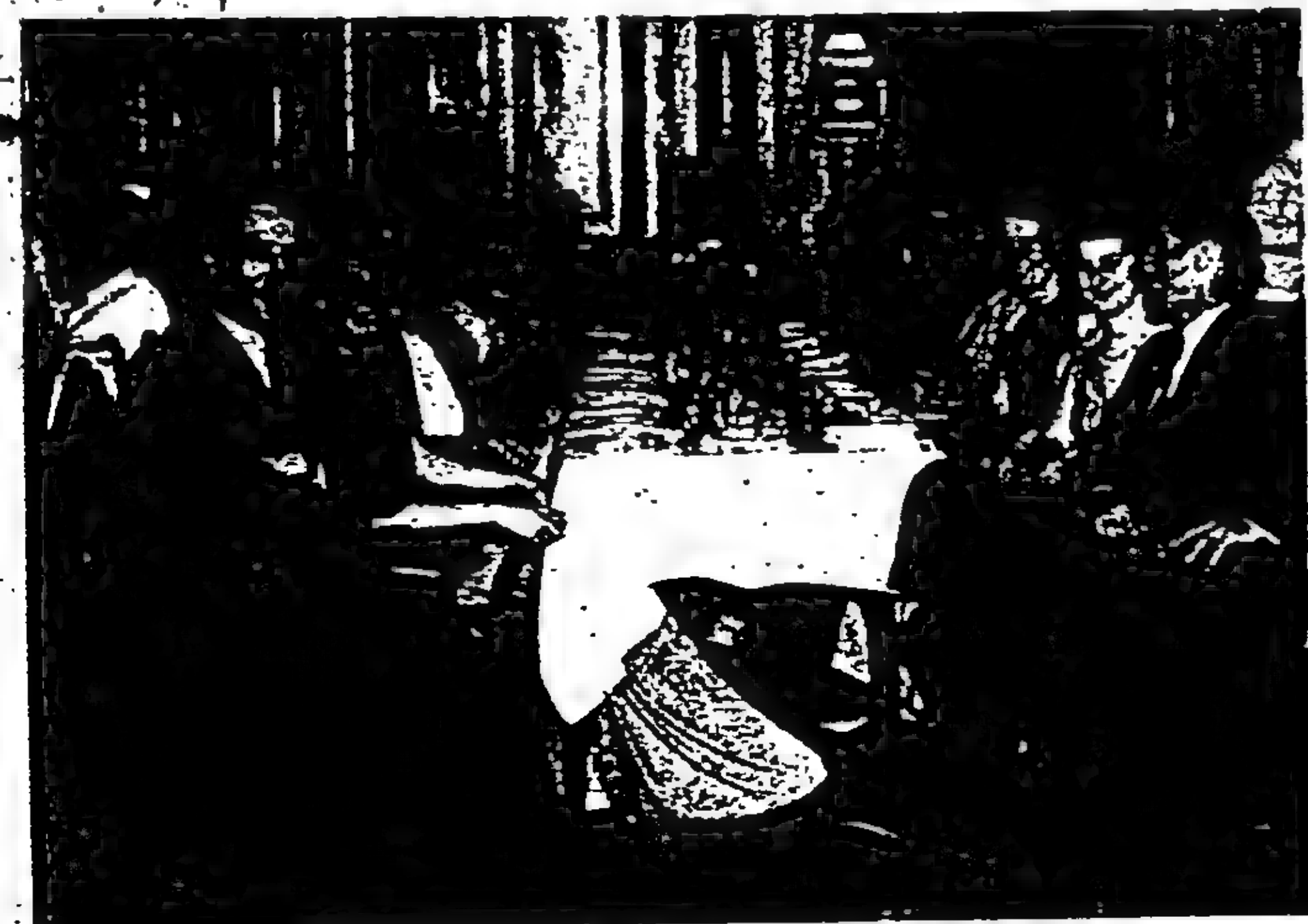


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Major General N.C.D. Brownjohn, British Deputy Military Governor, today agreed to the Russian request to withdraw the British automobile aid post on the Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn.

The agreement, under which the British post was operated like the American, limited its functioning only to the winter months.

General Brownjohn's reply, however, reserved for the British the right to reopen the Autobahn outpost at the start of next winter.

British officials said that the Soviet decision to open on a commercial basis two Russian repair stations along the Autobahn were not expected to be of much assistance to British motor traffic.

Neither spare parts for British vehicles, nor mechanics qualified to make emergency repairs on British cars, were expected to be provided at the Soviet posts.

"We shall make our own arrangements for road recovery and repair service along the Autobahn," the spokesman said.

Neither have the British nor the American authorities taken any further action to spur the opening of these discussions, it was stated officially tonight.

Meanwhile, 15 American Army planes today flew nearly 30 tons of furniture, including a grand piano, from Berlin to Frankfurt, thus avoiding Soviet road checkpoints which have refused to permit furniture to leave Berlin since the beginning of April.

The furniture, most of which is bound for the United States, belongs to American families who have decided to take advantage of the offer of General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, to return to America in view of the political developments in Berlin.

British Protest

Fifteen more planes are expected tomorrow to pick up the rest of the 70 tons of furniture and household equipment which has been piling up here since the new Soviet road and rail regulations came into force.

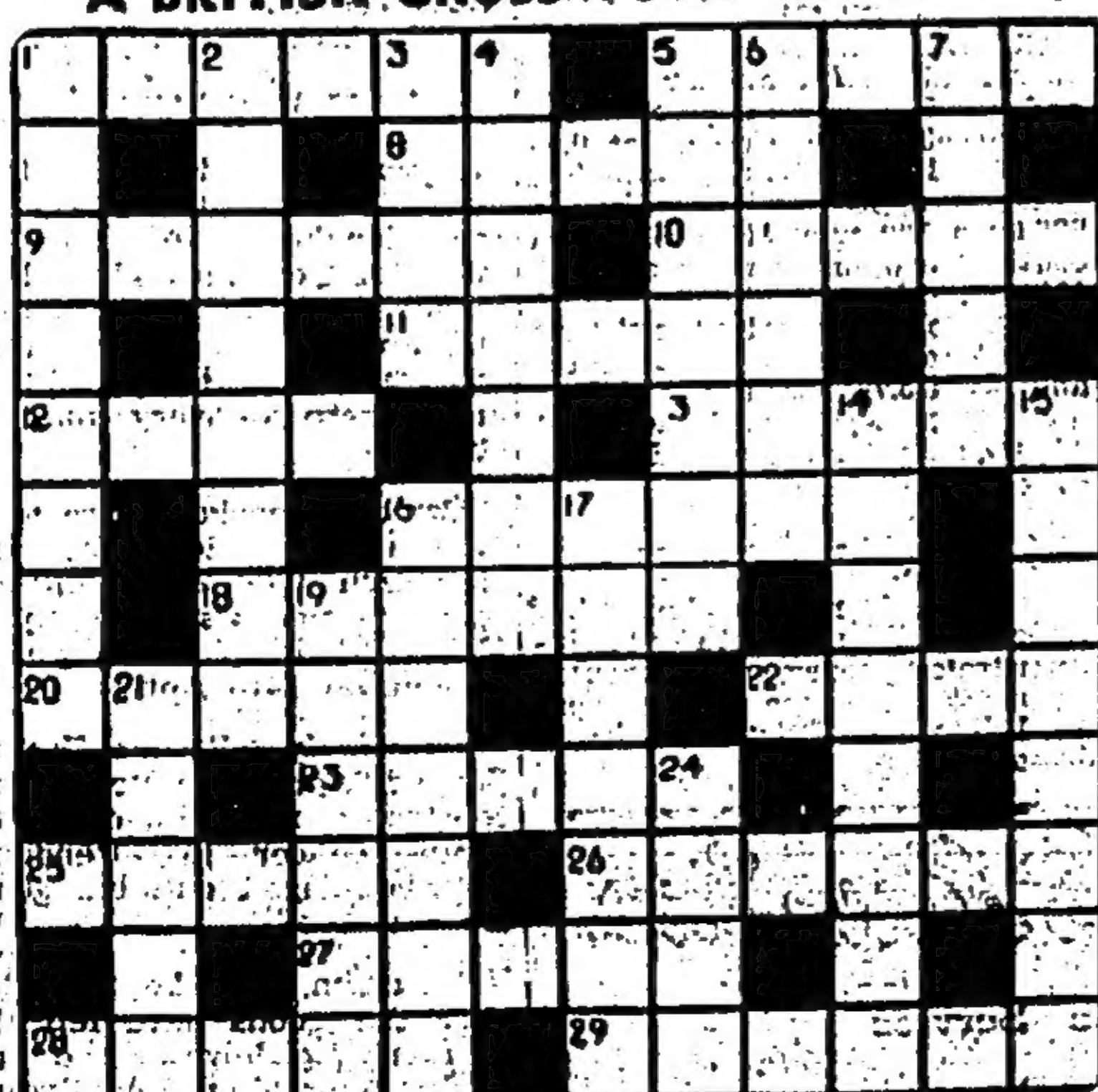
In Vienna, General Galloway, the British Commissioner in Austria, tonight sent a letter of protest to General Vladimir Kurasov, the Soviet High Commissioner, against the new Soviet demands for passes with photographs.

British military trains will run again tonight and are due to pass the Soviet check point on the Semmering Pass, where trains were held up earlier today. Conducting officers on the train have orders to refuse Soviet requests for any other identity documents than the authorized passes.—Reuter.

JOAD FINED

London, April 12. Dr. Cyril E. M. Joad, author and broadcaster who became, during the war, Britain's No. 1 exponent of popular philosophy, was today fined £2 and ordered to pay £21 5. 0. costs after he had pleaded guilty to travelling on a train without a ticket. He was summoned for travelling from London to Salisbury, Wiltshire, with intent to avoid payment of the 17/1d fare.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Strip
- 2 Rubbish
- 3 Battered
- 4 Tied up
- 5 Superior
- 6 Trunk
- 7 Baffled
- 8 Tendency
- 9 Property
- 10 Rely on
- 11 Inexpensive
- 12 Ideas
- 13 Edifices
- 14 Delicacies
- 15 Food
- 16 Vehement speech
- 17 Went wrong
- 18 Despatches
- 19 Conquer

Clues Down

- 1 Servant
- 2 Midday
- 3 Food prescribed
- 4 Rattily
- 5 Believed
- 6 Noise of discharge
- 7 Severe
- 8 Assent
- 9 Hard work
- 10 Ing
- 11 Seams
- 12 Expressed
- 13 Deserved
- 14 Pull
- 15 Blank

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

- Across: 1 Club, 2 Drift, 3 Opal, 4 Grow, 5 Mince, 6 Blush, 7 Crude, 8 Malt, 9 Loden, 10 Amuse, 11 Cope, 12 Draps, 13 Field, 14 Average
- Down: 1 Robe, 2 Folds, 3 Straw, 4 Bids, 5 Down, 6 Train, 7 Efface, 8 Lured, 9 Bows, 10 Bala, 11 Chut, 12 Creed, 13 Hild, 14 Drove, 15 Creep, 16 Hike, 17 Mure, 18 Oblique, 19 Cane, 20 Ribid, 21 Agree, 22 Coat, 23 Drab

Doctors, Bevan Agree?

London, Apr. 12.

Doctors have come nearer to an agreement with the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, on the Government's scheme for a National Health Service, Dr. Guy Dain announced tonight.

Dr. Dain, Chairman of the British Medical Association, spent over three hours today with other delegates of the profession in discussion with Mr. Bevan.

Dr. Dain said that Mr. Bevan gave answers to all the questions put to him, and these would be put before the Council of the British Medical Association on Wednesday.

The proposed National Health Service, under which all citizens would have the right of free medical attention, has been opposed by doctors who protest that the Minister had the power to alter the scheme to a full-time salaried service.—Reuter.

Showing The Flag

Lisbon, Apr. 12.

A United States fleet of 13 ships, including the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri, will probably pay a six days official visit to Portugal in June or July, the United States Embassy stated here tonight. This will be the third visit of American fleets to Portugal since the end of the war.—Reuter.

"PEACE" IF AMERICA IS PLAIN-SPOKEN

Washington, Apr. 12.

Mr. James Forrestal, the Secretary of Defence, said here today that it was his belief that "if we make plain and clear that the United States will not tolerate the destruction of the Western civilisation of Europe, we shall have peace."

"Not a peace through a long and exhausting war that will waste our manpower and our resources," he added, "but peace because, for once in world history, the aggressor will be forewarned of our determination, backed by our strength."

The Secretary of Defence was addressing the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. "It is equally clear to me that if we do not so act, we shall risk a war under circumstances which may be disastrous for us and for our friends throughout the world," Mr. Forrestal said.

He told the Committee that "the non-enactment of universal military training at this time may make it necessary to maintain our regular forces for an indefinite period at a strength which can be reached only through selective service."

The Bomb

He emphasised the need for a strong Air Force, a ground

force to protect bases, a Navy capable of defending the sea lanes, and a central intelligence agency.

Conscription, applicable to the age group from 18 to 25, would include 3,000,000 men who have not seen service before, of whom 1,355,000 would be suitable, he said.

From these would come an estimated 500,000 voluntary enlistments and a draft of 220,000 by conscription in the fiscal year of 1949.

Russia knows how to make the atomic bomb but is not yet able to do so, Mr. Forrestal said.

Asked later by reporters whether he is certain that Russia does not possess an atomic bomb, Forrestal replied:

"I would not care to amplify that, I will have to let that stand."—Reuter and Associated Press.

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"CANTON"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London (Tilbury)	15th May
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

TRUCE COMMISSION TO BE SENT TO PALESTINE

New York, Apr. 12.

A special on-the-spot truce commission is likely to be sent to Palestine in the near future, observers here believed as a result of today's informal Security Council's discussions on a trusteeship and truce.

The Russian delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, attended the meeting, held in the American delegate, Mr. Warren Austin's, office for the first time.

A number of members made suggestions for the terms of a truce to be proposed to the Arabs and the Jews. It was understood there was general approval for establishing a special commission which would be an agent of the Security Council to observe the implementation of the truce on the spot.

The basis of the truce, it was reliably learned, would be a

"standstill agreement" which would "freeze" the Arab and Jewish forces in their present positions, where they would be expected to cease fire.

It was recalled that the Jews have consistently claimed that the only real truce could come about when about 7,000 Arabs who have infiltrated into Palestine from outside were forced to withdraw.

Holy Places

An American spokesman stressed after today's meeting that the proposal for a commission would have to be submitted for Washington's approval. Another suggestion today, which appeared to find favour, was that the Security Council should, as soon as possible, pass a resolution calling on both parties to cease fire.

Mr. Austin stressed the importance of protecting the holy places in Jerusalem and said he was confident the British authorities would cooperate in protecting them between now and May 15, when the mandate ends.

Draft Terms

The negotiations are expected to take the following course: 1.—The President of the Council, Dr. Alfonso Lopez, in consultation with other members, will draft a truce agreement and submit it at another informal meeting of the Council.

2.—The Security Council will meet formally to pass any resolution drafted in secret sessions. 3.—The President of the Council will communicate the Council's proposals to the Arab and Jewish representatives in another private meeting.

During the meeting, draft truce terms, described as "based on practical reality" were presented by the American delegate, and considered by the meeting.—Reuter.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS

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Buenos Aires: Sovereign 75-1/2 buyers, 77.00 sellers; U.S. Eagles, 135.50b, 138.00c; Gold, Bar, Per Gramme, 7.25b, 7.55c. Bangkok: Gold, Bar, per baht-weight of 15.244 Grammes 540 (local) Exchange Rate (Selling). Bangkok on New York T. T. \$1.20; London 90/75; Hongkong 37/2.

Paris: free gold prices: Napoleon 4,225 Frs; French 10 franc coins 1,080; Swiss franc 1,450; Union Latine 3,975; Sovereign 5,475; Half Sovereigns 2,450; U.S. Dollars coin (\$20.00) 21,400; U.S. Dollars coin (\$10.00) 10,800; Sovereigns (in free dollars per ounce) \$75.7; Napoleon (in free dollars per ounce) \$73.7; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 365.

Paris free markets rates: Ingots: Fine Gold ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244 Frs; without counterpart 245/250; Silver ingots, per kilo, 5,700 b. 6,500c; Platinum ingots, per kilo 735,000b, 790,000c.—Reuter.

British Exports

London, Apr. 12.

Britain's exports in March, at £120 million, were the highest of any month since the war, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons tonight.

He said the figures were provisional. "This is not only the best post-war month, but with the exception of July, 1920, the highest in value ever recorded," he added. Imports at £178 million were also the highest for several months and, except for last July, and one month of 1920, were the highest ever recorded in British history.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Markets

New York, Apr. 12.

The apparent settlement of the coal mine controversy brought scant response from the list as a whole. While several favourites advanced, declines of fractions to a point or more predominated.

There were 1,050,000 transfers. Gainers included American Western Petroleum, Grumman Aircraft, Santa Fe, Lockwood, Glenn Martin, Peapack, Paramount Pictures.

Among losers were Superior Oil of Calif., U.S. Opeum, Allied Chemical, Douglas Aircraft, Western Union, Zenith Radio, Illinois Central.

Dow Jones average—Stocks: 65.47, 30 Industrials 37.05, 15 Rails 55.03, 10 Utilities 22.15.

Closing quotations—Adams Express 17 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 31 1/2, American Smelting 38 1/2, American Telephone 155 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 23 1/2, Aviation Corp. 3 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/2, Darnall 39 1/2, Bendix Aviation 14 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 34 1/2, Doering Aircraft 27 1/2, Borden Co. 41 1/2, Canadian Pacific 18 1/2, J. I. Case 41, Chrysler 59 1/2, Colgate 44 1/2, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Coca Products 6 1/2, Dupont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 43 1/2, Electric Light/Power 19 1/2, General Electric 28 1/2, General Motors 34 1/2, Goodrich 33 1/2, Goodyear 41 1/2, International Harvester 30, International Paper 24, International Tel/Tel 12 1/2, Johns Manville 35, Kennecott Copper 24 1/2, Montgomery Ward 40 1/2, National Distillers 31, National Lead 24 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Republic Steel 19 1/2, Best 31 1/2, Republic Steel 19 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 16 1/2, Seaboard 31 1/2, Sears Roebuck 37 1/2, Shell Oil 26 1/2, Socony Vacuum 17 1/2, Southern Pacific 31 1/2, Standard Brands 18 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 34, Standard Oil of N.J. 19 1/2, Studebaker 18, Union Carbide 10 1/2, U.S. Steel 74 1/2, U.S. Lines 19 1/2, Westinghouse 30 1/2, Youngstown Sheet/Tube 27, Gen. Pub. Utilities 19 1/2.—Associated Press.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at \$331.00 and closed at \$330.00 a tael. It went down to \$327.50 and recovered to \$329.50 before the 10th recess. Reopening at \$330.00 it went up to \$331.75 but fell back to \$330.00 at the close of the market.

Pineapples opened at \$11.45 a 100, went down to \$11.40, and closed for \$11.40.

Chinese National Currency opened at 9.7 cents for futures and 9.825 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) and closed at 9.85 cents and 9.75 cents respectively.

Ticals appreciated slightly to \$26.00 a 100 while NEI Guilders, continuing their spurt, were up to \$60.00 a 100 yesterday.

U.S. dollars remained quiet at \$5.03 1/2 for notes \$5.08 for drafts and \$5.17-5.17 for TT.

Sterling was unchanged at \$13.05. Australian pounds were at \$12.52.

Damascus, Apr. 12. Several thousand students demonstrated today and shouted demands that the Government send troops to Palestine.—United Press.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A speculative dodging about the Board was indulged in yesterday but with no definite pointer as to the immediate future.

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H.K. Docks 210b, 20 1/2b, 20b.
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H. & S. Hotels 18 1/2b, 18 1/2b, 19b.
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(New) 15b.

Star Ferry 23b.
Yau Ma Tei Ferry 51b.
C. Lights (Old) 23 1/2b, 24 1/2b, 25 1/2b, 26 1/2b.

(New) 15b, 16b, 17 1/2b, 18 1/2b, 19b.
H.K. Electric 50 1/2b, 50b.
Macao Electric 19b.

Sanctioned Lights 11b.
Telephone (Old) 45 1/2b, 46b, 47b.
(New) 46b.

Shanghai Gas 61b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macc. (Ord.) 21 1/2b.
Canton Ind. 7b.
Cement 41 1/2b.

H.K. Paper 50b, 51b, 52 1/2b.
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Dairy Farms (Old) X.D. 51b, 54 1/2b.
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